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PERO MAGULO! 'DI BA DAPAT NA KAY JEDD ANG FOCUS? 'DI BA NASA MALL SILA?!?
OO NGA JAMES!
AH GANON BA? UHHH...O SIGE MADALI LANG YAN!

FLASHBACK PLEASE!

PERO SANDALI, LUMAKAS NGA ANG AURA NIYA, PERO NAKAKULONG PA RIN ITO...HMM...

ANO ITO?! PARA SIYANG MAHIWAGANG BATO NA NANGGALING SA AMING MUNDO.

P'ANO? TERA NA.
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OKAY LANG AKO, JEDD. SALAMAT KAY JUN.
SALAMAT PARE. TERA'T MAGPATINGIN KA SA CLINIC.

JEDD, PAANO BA ANG GAGAWIN MO KUNG MAY GUSTO KA SA BABAE.
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FTWIP!

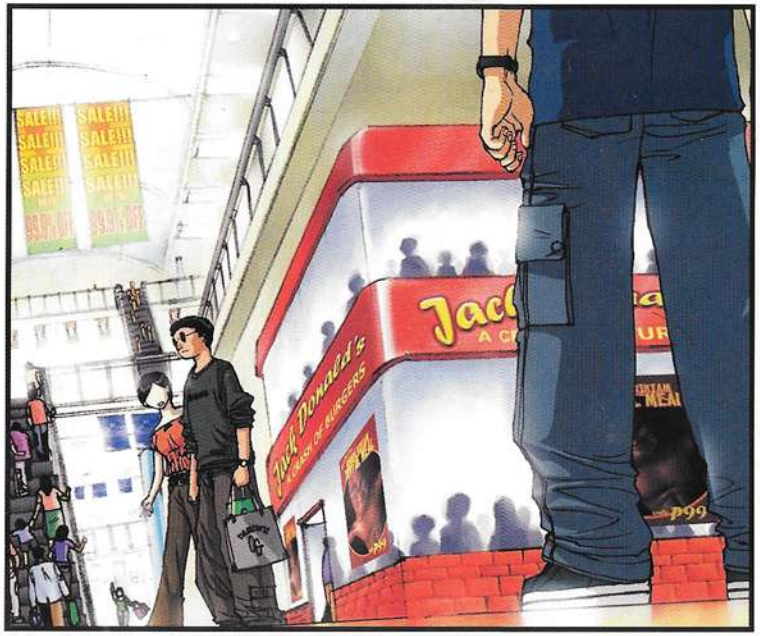
BA'T MO NAMAN NATANONG?
WALA LANG...

E 'DI LIGAWAN MO!
E PAANO KUNG HINDI KA SIGURADO?
PAANO KUNG NATATAKOT KANG SABIHIN?
PAANO KUNG MASYADO KA LANG SIMPLENG TAO?
SAKA PAANO KUNG JEDD AT LEO ANG KOMPETISYON MO?

AT PAANO KUNG IKAW ANG TYPE KO PAPA JEDD!?!

HEEE...

KILALANIN MO, MAGPARAMDAM KA, TAPOS, IYON NA! BASTA DAPAT MAIPAKITA O MASABI PARA HINDI MALABO. MAGANDA DIN KUNG SA 'YO NA UNA MANGGALING.
SAKA SINO BA ANG IMPORTANTE SA 'YO, IKAW 'O SIYA?


SALE!!!
Jack Donald's
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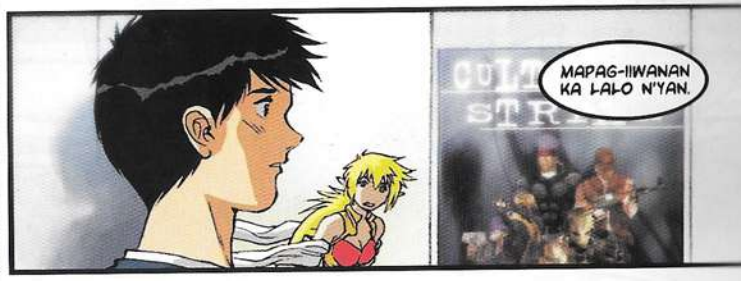
MABAIT KA JUN, AT NAILIGTAS MO RIN SI CLARISSA. KAIBIGAN KITA. PERO MAG-KARIBAL TAYO NINA LEO D'YAN
H-HA?!? ANO BA'NG SINASABI MO?!?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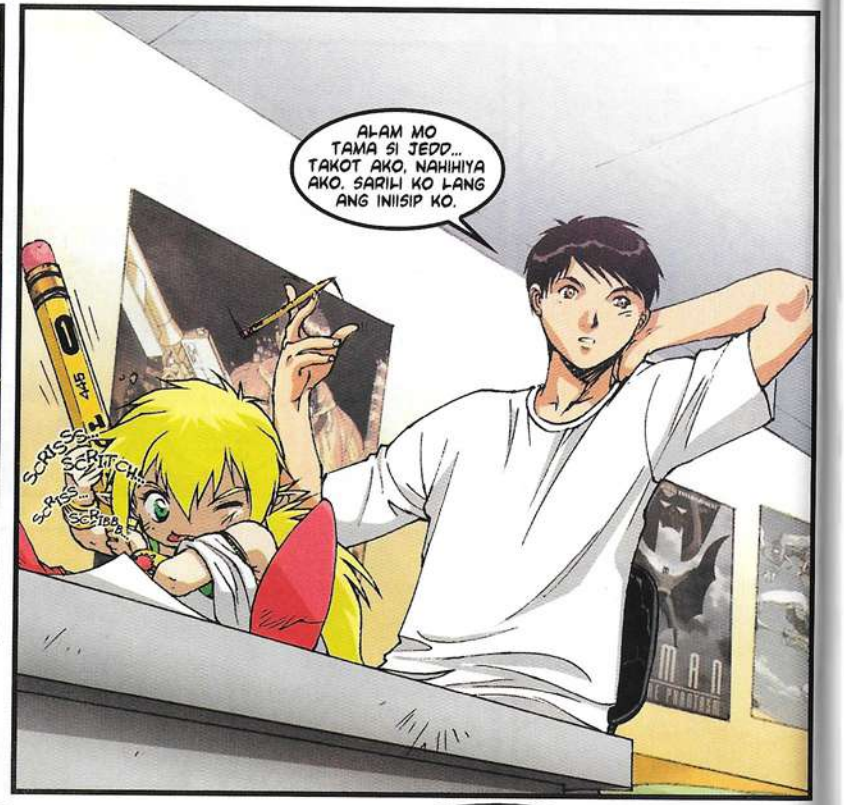

ALAM MO TAMA SI JEDD... TAKOT AKO, NAHIHIYA AKO. SARILI KO LANG ANG INIISIP KO.
SCRISSH SCRITCH
SCRIBB

DAPAT MAGPAKA-LALAKE AKO!
UH-HUH!
DAPAT HINDI AKO MAHIYA!
UH-HUH!
HINDI AKO DAPAT MAGING DUWAG!
UH-HUH!
DAPAT PROUD AKO AT MAY GUSTO 'KO KAY CLARISSA!
GORIBBB...
SCRITCH..

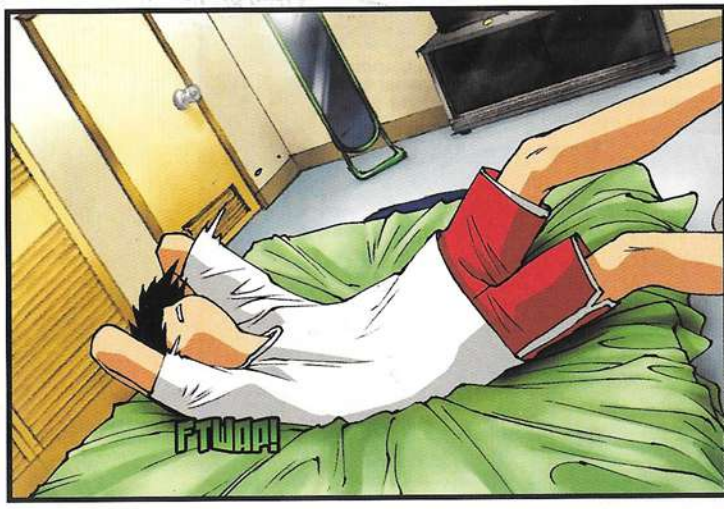
SAKA MAY PAG-ASA NA NAMAN AKO SIGURO KAHIT PAPAANO, KAHIT PA KASABAY KO SINA LEO AT JEDD!
AHAHAHAHA...
SCRISSH SCRITCH..
UH-HUH!
TUNNG!

SNAP!
YEHEYYYY!!! TAPOS NA!!!
SHOOOOOOOMMM!!!

GUWAPO TALAGA NI PAPA JEDD!!! SANA IKAW NA LANG SI JEDD, 'NO JUN?!?

WEEKEND ASSIGNMENT KO 'YANNN!!!
OOOPSSSS...

TAMA KA, SINO BA NAMAN ANG NII-OLOKO KO?...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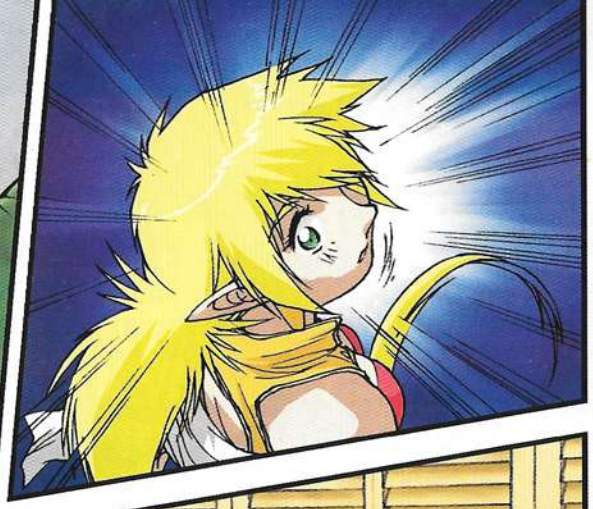

NGAYON JUN, ANG LAHAT NG SINASALOOB MO AY IYO NANG MAGAGAWA.
JUN is No. 1!
KAYA MONG GAWIN YAN!

KINALIMAGAHAN...
AAHHHHH... SARAP NG PAKIRAMDAM KO AH!!!
JUN is No. 1!
KAYA MONG GAWIN YAN!
HMM?
TAMA! KAYA KO YAN!
I'M NO. 1!
PAAAAAAK!!!

TABI KAYO D'YAN! DI N'YO BA ALAM?!
I'M NO. 1!

KAYA TUMABI-TABI KAYO D'YAN! AKO SI JUN MORALES! DAPAT N'YONG MALAMAN NA ME GUSTO AKO KAY CLARISSA PEREZ NG SECTION SIERRA!!!
A-ANO'NG NANGYARI SA 'KIN?!? A-ANO'NG GINAGAWA KO? BA'T PARANG INIIMAGINE KO LANG E GINAGAWA KO 'NA. HINDI KO MAPIGILAN!!!

PWES, MISTER JUN MORALES, PUMUNTA KA NA SA FLAG CEREMONY AT ANG MAHAL MO ANG MAGCO-CONDUCT NG LUPANG HINIRANG.
GANON PO BA?!
PERO PARANG NAPAKALAYA NG PAKIRAMDAM KO!
OH YESSS... I'M FREEEEE....
SWIIZZZ!!!

ILAGAY PO NATIN ANG ATING KANANG KAMAY SA KALIWANG DIBDIB.

CLARISSA!!!

ARAY!
KAYA KO TO! I'M NO. 1 DON'CHA KNOW?!
HUY! ANO BA!
SINO 'YON?!
HANDA...AW.... JUN?!?

JUN?!? ANO'NG GINAGAWA MO?
CLARISSA!

WOOOSHHH!!!

JUN!!! ANO'NG NANGYAYARI SA 'YO?
MAY TIWALA KA SA 'KIN 'DI BA? NILIGTAS KITA!
O-OO...

ITUTULOY!

PASIG

IKA-SAMPUNG KABANATA:
MGA MULTO NG NAKARAAN

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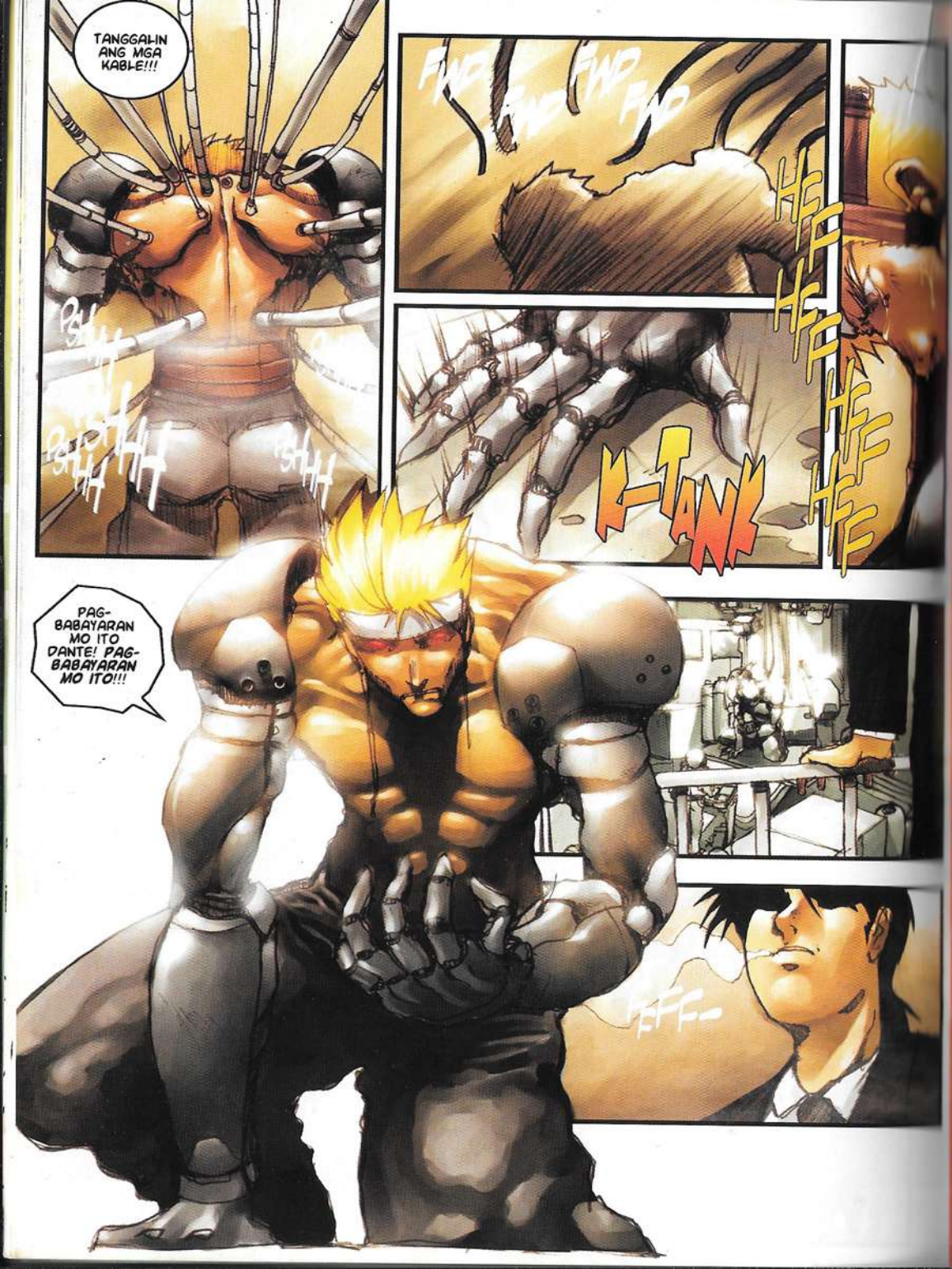
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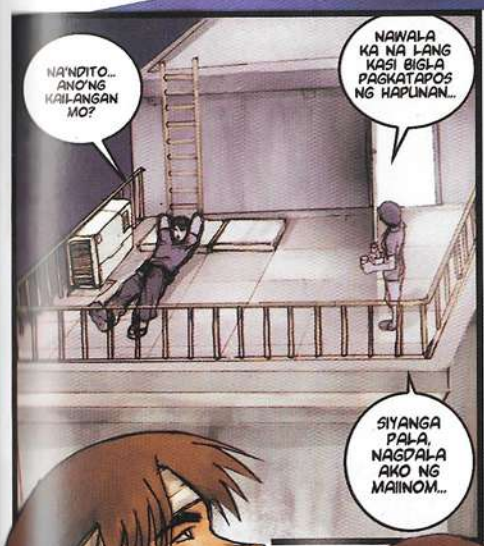
PSHH
PSHHHH
PSHHHH
SHH
FWD
FWD
FWD
FWD
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE
K-TANK
PAG-BABAYARAN MO ITO DANTE! PAG-BABAYARAN MO ITO!!!
EFF-

TULONG...
TULONG-
T-TULONG...
t-tulong...
TULUNGAN N'YO AKO!!!

AAAIIEEE!!!
SHAAH!
SPLAK
I-IKAW

"R.E.M."- ISA SA MGA INDIKASYON NA NANAGINIP ANG ISANG NILALANG AY ANG PAGKAKAROON NITO NG R.E.M. O RAPID EYE MOVEMENT HABANG NATUTULOG.



TUNGKOL SAAN?
GUSTO KO SANANG MAG-PASALAMAT SA 'YO...
GINAWA MO NA 'YUN, 'DI BA?
HINDI... HINDI LANG DAHIL SA PAGKAKALIGTAS MO SA BUHAY KO... SA MARAMI PANG MGA BAGAY.
MAY ILANG TAON DIN AKONG NAWALA SA PILING NG MGA KAPATID KO... AT SA LOOB NG PANAHONG IYON, IKAW ANG TUMAYONG KUYA NILA... MALAKI ANG UTANG NA LOOB KO SA IYO...
WALA NA AKONG PAKIALAM SA NAKARAAN MO O KUNG BAKIT PINAGHAHANAP KA NG BATAS... BASTA ANG ALAM KO, ISA KANG MABUTING TAO...
'WAG KANG BASTA-BASTA MAGHUHUSGA NG TAONG NAKIKILALA MO MINA... BAKA MAGSISI KA LANG SA HULI.
HINDI KO NA MAALALA KUNG ILANG TAO NA ANG PINASLANG KO NOONG DIGMAAN- AT HINDI KO RIN ALAM KUNG ILAN PA ANG MAMAMATAY SA AKING MGA KAMAY...

NILAGAY KO SA PANGANIB ANG BUHAY MO AT NG MGA KAPATID MO NANG TUMIRA AKO SA INYO.
MATAGAL NA AKONG PINAGHAHANAP NG MGA MERSENARYO... AT NGAYON, PATI NA RIN NG MGA MANUNUBOS.
KRIMINAL NA AKO SA MATA NG BATAS...
KAMATAYAN ANG DALA KO SA LAHAT NG NAPAPALAPIT SA AKIN...
. . .
NGAYON... MABUTI PA BA AKONG TAO?
ALAM KONG MARAMI NA AKONG MALING DESISYON SA BUHAY KO DANTE... PERO KAHIT MINSA'Y HINDI PA AKO NAGKAMALI SA MGA TAONG PAGKAKATIWALAAN KO...
KAHIT NA ANUPAMAN ANG SABIHIN MO... ALAM KONG SA LOOB MO...
FUUP
...AY MABUTI KA PA RING... EH?!
MINA...
T-TEKA...

TABI!
TNK
HUH?!
ANO'NG GINAGAWA NIYO DITO?!
BLAG!
UH-K....
EEEK!
KRE-
GRRRR... ANG INGAY MO KASI EH...
A DANTE... NANDITO PALA KAYO NI MINA! HEHEHE... MEDYO MAINIT KASI SA LOOB KAYA NAPAGPASYAHAN NAMING MAG-PALAMIG MUNA DITO SA LABAS... 'DI BA IYANNAH? HEHEHEHE!
...
?!
O, ANO? MAY NANGYARI NA BA SA DALAWA? NAGDALA NGA PALA AKO NG MAIINOM NATIN...
ASAR...
NAKUP-

KRE-GRAAHHT
HEH! HINDI NA MASAMA...

HINDI LUMA-LABAN ANG MGA POSTE, TAONG BAKAL...
KAYO BA TALAGA ANG PUMASLANG KAY KIARA?
SINONG?!
DAHIL ANG ALAM KO'Y MATAGAL NANG PATAY ANG KANYANG DIWA BAGO NIYO PA MAN SIYA TINAPOS...

MUKHANG DESPERADO KA NA TALAGANG PATUMBAHIN SI KAPITAN, CHAREN...
PATI BA NAMAN ANG MGA ASLUNGOT NA ITO'Y PINATULAN MO NA...

SHWF
ANG YABANG MO!!!

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ITUTULOY...

Cat's Trail

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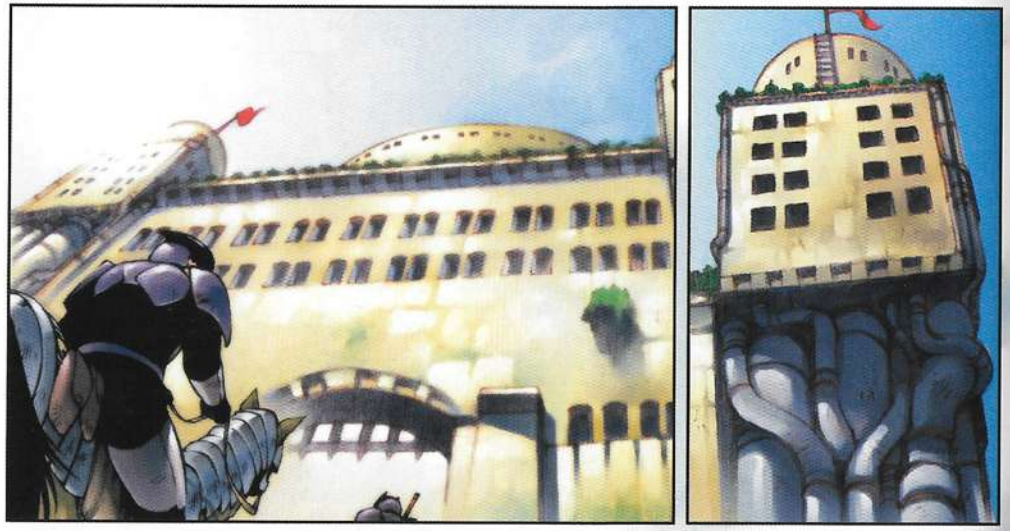

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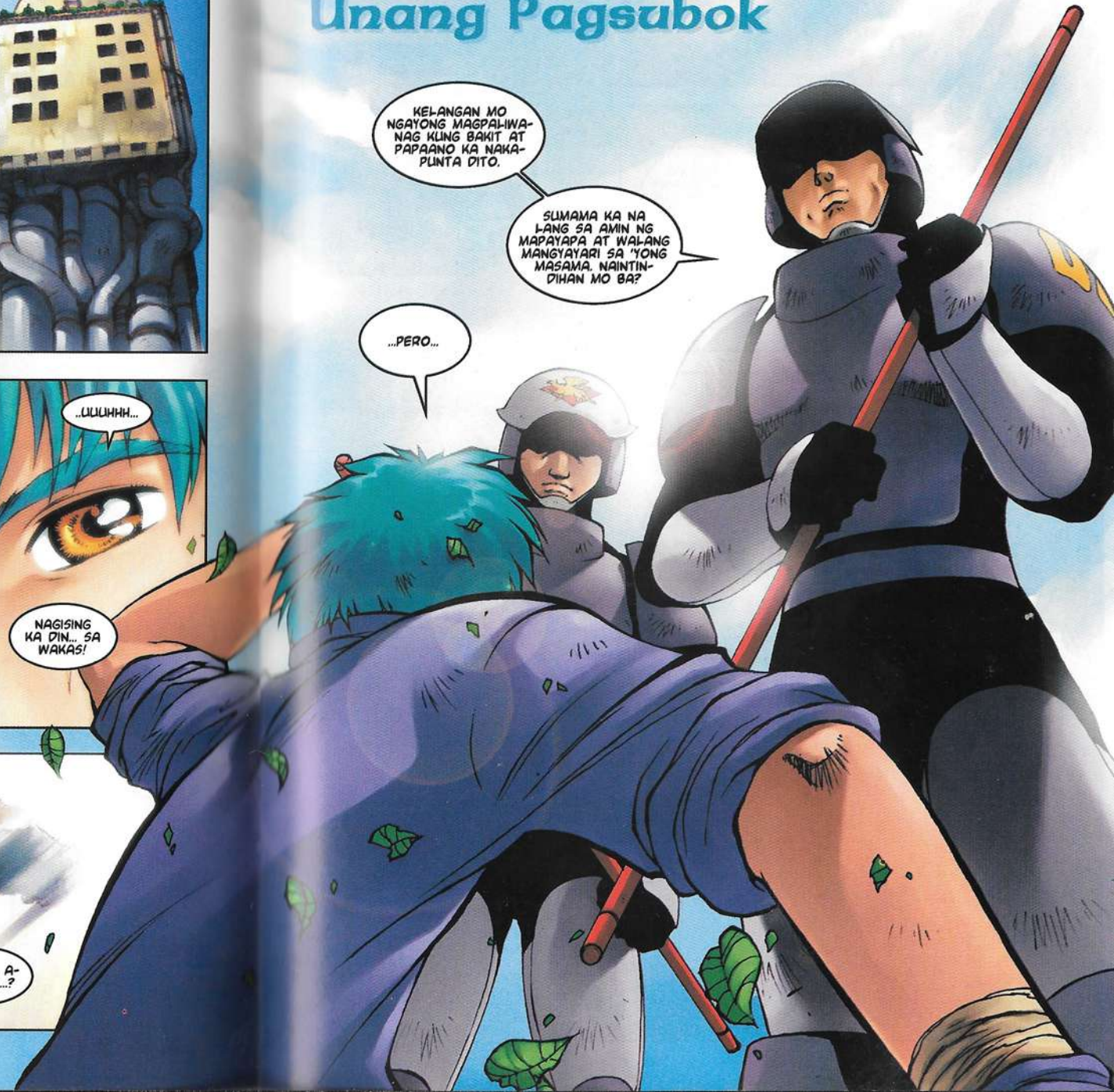
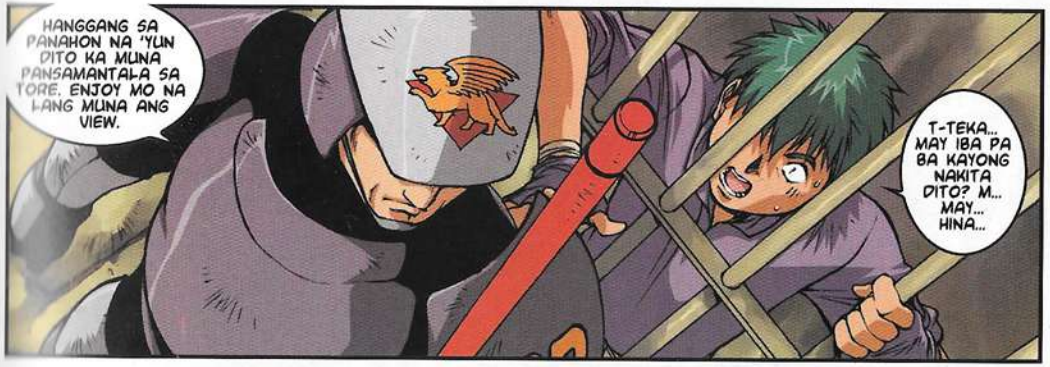


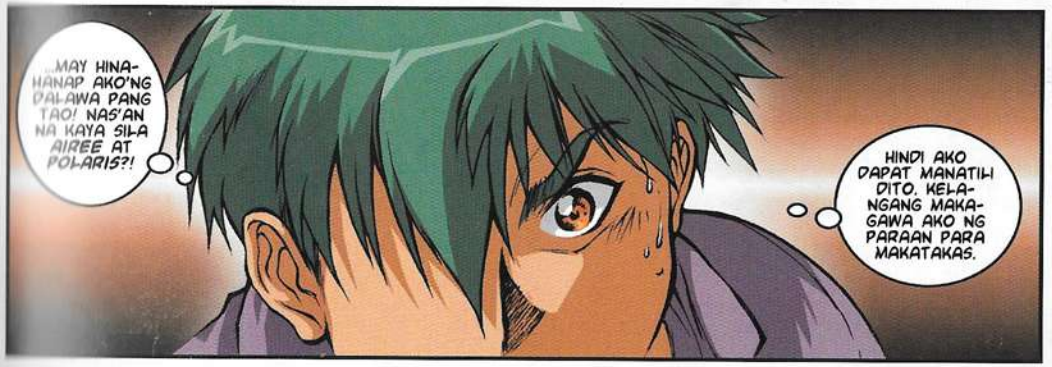
...TAPOS... SINO BA 'YUNG PANGATLO N'YONG KASAMA? HINDI MO PA 'KO SINASAGOT A!
GLUK! GLUK!
MMMM?
SABI MO KANINA HINDI NAMAN SIYA KASAPI SA ATING PANGKAT PERO MAY TAGLAY SIYANG KAALAMAN SA MARAMING BAGAY?
DUDA NGA AKO SA MGA KINIKILOS NIYA.
HAAAYY...
NAPAKABIHASA NIYA SA MARAMING BAGAY...
HINDI KAYA ESPIYA LANG SIYA NG MGA PULIS? GUWAPO DAW YATA ANG MGA 'YUN E. PAPAIBIGIN KA TAPOS...
EWAN KO! HINDI NAMAN KAMI NAG-USAP NANG MATAGAL E.
KAIN NA PRINSIPE ROLAND.
KWI?
HUPS! NAKAJACKPOT YATA AKO A! TYPE MO BA SI SUPERSPY?
!
TAK!
OO NGA PALA... MAPUNTA TAYO SA NAGLAGAY SA 'YO NG KULILING...
AAA... SIYA?...
ANG SABI NIYA AY HINDI DAW MATATANGGAL ANG KULILING NA 'TO HANGGA'T HINDI KO PA NAGAGAWA ANG LAHAT NG IUTOS NIYA.
...SAKA...
CHAK!
TAPOS?
...TAPOS... ATE WHOMPERS BA'T KA NAGKAKARGA NG BARIL?
ETO? HEHE! ALAM MO NAMAN NA NAGKAKARGA LANG AKO NG BARIL...
BYAM!
...PAG GAGAMITIN KO!
PINADAPUSAN LANG KITA. MAGPAKITA KA NA DAHILAYOKO NG PINAGMAMASDAN NG MGA HINDI KO IMBITADO!
NGIII...

MAGALING!
MATAAS PALA ANG ANTAS NG 'YONG PAKI-RAMDAM.
AIREE, BRIDGETTE, UMALIS KAYO SA MESA...
I'M OUT OP HIR!
AALIS NA. AALIS NA...
HMPF!
SIYA 'YUN!!!
SIYA 'YUNG NAGBIGAY SA 'KIN NG SUMPA!
WHAK!
MAGA-LING KA PALA E!!!

A-ANO'NG?!?
SGS FL
LUMAPIT KA PA SA 'KIN?! GUSTO MO DING MAMATAY 'NO?

KLANG!
SANDALI LANG BOSSING, MAY KALIN-TI LANG TAYONG 'DI PAGKAKALINA-WAAN...
...HINDI KO TALAGA ALAM KUNG BAKIT AKO NAPUNTA DITO SA PALASYO.
MAMAYA KA NA MAGPALIWANAG 'PAG NANDITO NA ANG PUNONG KAWAL.


HANGGANG SA PANAHON NA 'YUN DITO KA MUNA PANSAMANTALA SA TORE. ENJOY MO NA LANG MUNA ANG VIEW.
T-TEKA... MAY IBA PA BA KAYONG NAKITA DITO? M... MAY... HINA...

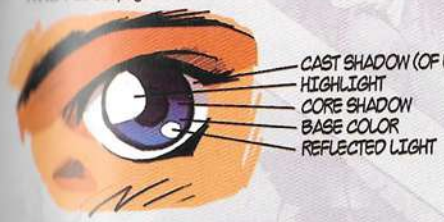

...MAY HINA-HANAP AKO'NG DALAWA PANG TAO! NAS'AN NA KAYA SILA AIREE AT POLARIS?!
HINDI AKO DAPAT MANATILI DITO. KELA-NGANG MAKA-GAWA AKO NG PARAAN PARA MAKATAKAS.

WALA NANG PANAHON PARA MAGING MAINGAT. AYOKONG MAKALIGTAS PA NG PUNONG KAWAL.

AYOKO SANANG GUMAMIT NG GANITONG PARAAN PERO WALA NA AKO'NG PAGPIPILIAN...

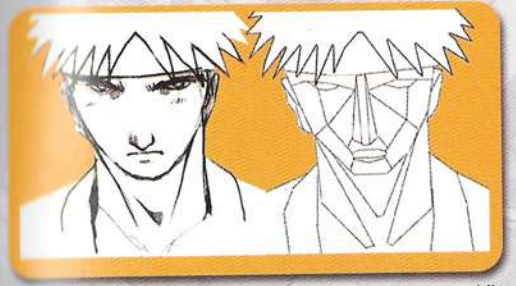
HAAAAAAAAAAAAA

BA-BOOM!

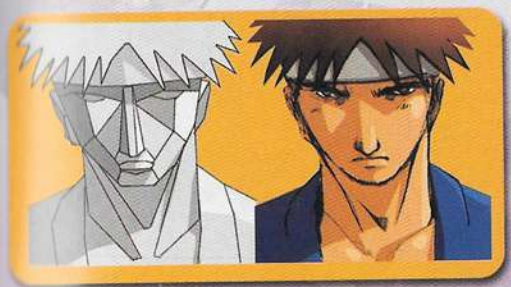


PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Isang magandang halimbawa sa pagkukulay ng bilog ay ang kung paano kulayan ang mata. Sa animé, kadalasang *exaggerated* ang paglalagay ng shading at highlights sa mga mata, ngunit ito pa rin ang ginagamit na guidelines para maging kapani-paniwala ang pagkukulay.



Siyempre, hindi naman lahat ng kukulayan natin ay puro bilog na lamang... mas kumplikado ang mga hugis ng mga bagay dito sa mundo. Pero, madali nating maiisip kung paano kukulayan ang isang bagay kung titignan natin kung anu-ano ang mga basic shapes na bumubuo dito.



Sa ating halimbawa sa itaas, sa isang iglap, mahirap malaman kung paano natin kukunin ang shading ng drawing sa kanan... Pero kung iisipin natin ng maigi kung anong bahagi ng mukha ang nakalubog at nakaangat, madali nating malalaman kung saan babagsak ang ***core shadow*** at ***highlights***.

ANIMÉ COLORING

Ang halimbawa sa kanan ay ginamitan ng ***duo-tone coloring***-isang klase ng pagkukulay kung saan ang *shading* na ginamit ay mas madilim lamang ng isang antas sa *base color* nito. Karaniwan na sa anime ang paggamit ng ganitong klase ng pagkukulay.

HL BC SS

HL BC SS TS

HL- Highlights
BC- Base Color
SS- Secondary Shading
TS- Tertiary Shading

Tri-tone coloring ang tawag sa pagkukulay na gumagamit ng dalawang antas ng shading mula sa base color. Ang pinakamadilim na kulay ay kadalasang makikita sa mga maliliit na bahagi lamang ng *secondary shading*. Nakakadagdag ito ng lalim sa isang drawing. Hangga't maari,hindi dapat lumampas ang lawak ng *tertiary shading* sa *secondary shading* dahil magmumukhang masyadong madilim ang ating pagkukulay.

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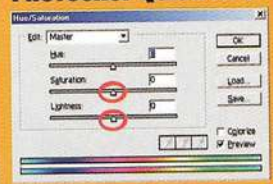

Sa Adobe Photoshop, madali nating magagawa ang pagpili ng kulay na gagamitin para sa secondary at tertiary shading. Mula sa base color, gumawa ng selection gamit ang ***lasso tool*** at piliin kung saan babagsak ang secondary shading. Ilabas ang ***Hue/Saturation*** dialogue box (*Image>Adjust> Hue/Saturation o Ctrl U.*) Ilagay ang ***Saturation Slider*** sa +20 at ang ***Lightness Slider*** naman sa -20. Mapapansin nating didilim ang selected portion ng ating kinukulayan. Para naman sa mga highlights, ilagay ang ***Saturation Slider*** sa +20 at ang ***Lightness Slider*** sa +30. Subukan niyo ring mag-eksperimento sa mga iba't-ibang kombinasyon ng *saturation* at *lightness* para makuha ang gusto ninyong epekto.

Sat.	+20	BC	+20	+40
Light.	+20	BC	-20	-40

Sat.	+20	BC	+20	+40
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Bukod sa ***Hue & Saturation,*** may mga ilan ding tools na puwedeng gamitin sa Photoshop para gumawa ng shading. Subukan niyo ding mag eksperimento gamit ang ***Brightness Contrast, Levels, at Curves.***

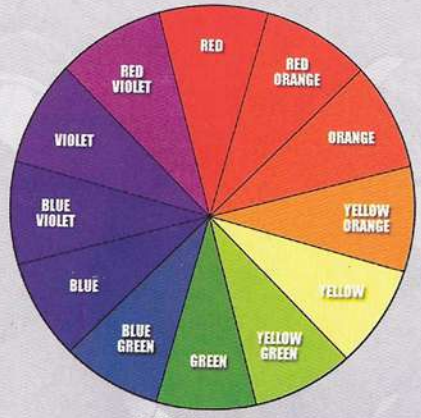
Ang mga halimbawa sa kaliwa ay nagpapakita kung paano naapektuhan ng posisyon ng liwanag ang shading sa mukha.

PASIG

TAGA-ILOG ON

HOW WE DRAW 10

BASIC COLORING PRINCIPLES



THE COLOR WHEEL

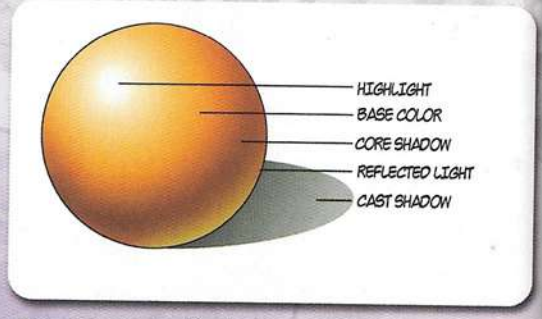
WHAT IS COLOR?

Para maunawaan natin ng maigi kung ano ang ating pag-uusapan ngayon, kailangan muna nating malaman kung ano nga ba talaga ang "kulay."

Ang mga kulay sa ating kapaligiran ay ang liwanag na tumatalbog sa mga bagay na nakikita ng ating mga mata. Alam nating ang nakikita nating liwanag (o ang *visible spectrum*) ay binubuo ng pitong iba't-ibang kulay- red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, at vilolet. Kung ang isang bagay ay kulay pula, ang mga ibang kulay ng visible spectrum ay kanyang inaabsorb, liban sa pula. Ang reflected light na ito ang ating nakikita, kung kaya't nalalaman natin kung ano ang kulay ng isang bagay. Ito rin naman ang dahilan kung bakit hindi natin makita ang kulay ng isang bagay kung walang ilaw sa paligid.

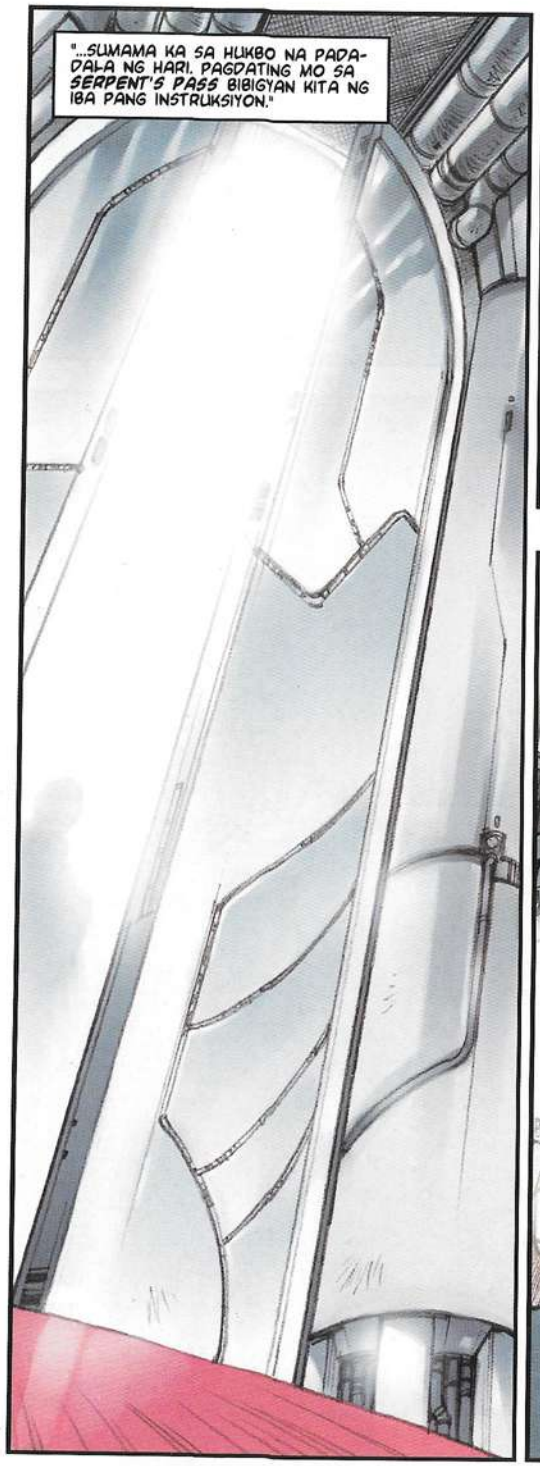
GIVING THE ILLUSION OF DEPTH

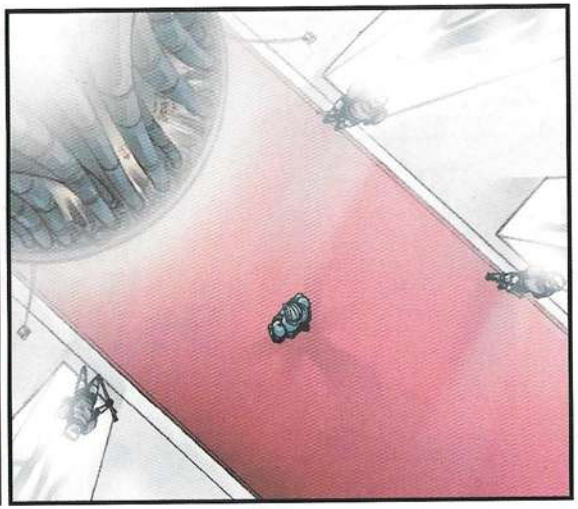
Ang pagkukulay ay nakakatulong sa pagbibigay ng lalim o perspective sa isang drawing. Ang isang simpleng hugis na tulad ng bilog ay maari nating magawang 3-dimensional sa pamamagitan ng wastong pagkulay.



Ilan sa mga dapat nating tandaan sa pagkukulay ay ang mga sumusunod:

Highlight- Ang pinakamakintab o pinakamaliwanag na bahagi ng isang bagay. Kadalasan itong makikita sa lugar na kung saan pinakamalapit ang tama ng liwanag. Nakadepende ang tingkad at lawak ng highlight sa lakas ng liwanag at materyal ng bagay na tinatamaan nito. (hal. Ang mga *metallic* na bagay ay mas malakas ang highlights kesa sa mga bagay na may magagaspang na ibabaw.)
Base color- Ang natural na kulay ng isang bagay. Sa pagkukulay ng komiks, maari din nating tawagin itong ***flats***.
Core Shadow- Ang madilim na bahagi ng isang bagay. *Secondary shading* ang tawag dito sa pagkukulay ng komiks.
Reflected Light- Ilaw na tumatama sa isang bagay liban sa liwanag na galing sa *main light source*.
Cast shadow- Aninong nabubuo galing sa isang bagay na tinatamaan ng liwanag.


"...SUMAMA KA SA HUKBO NA PADADALA NG HARI. PAGDATING MO SA *SERPENT'S PASS* BIBIGYAN KITA NG IBA PANG INSTRUKSIYON."

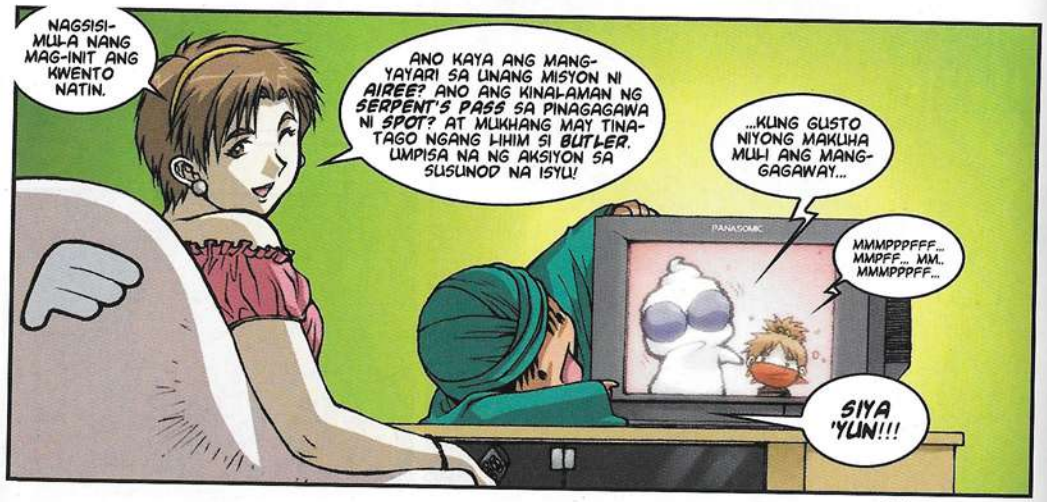


KAMAHALAN
MABUTI'T NAKARATING KA. NAIULAT NA SA 'YO ANG KAUTUSANG AKING IPINAMAHAGI, HINDI BA?
OPO, KAMAHALAN.

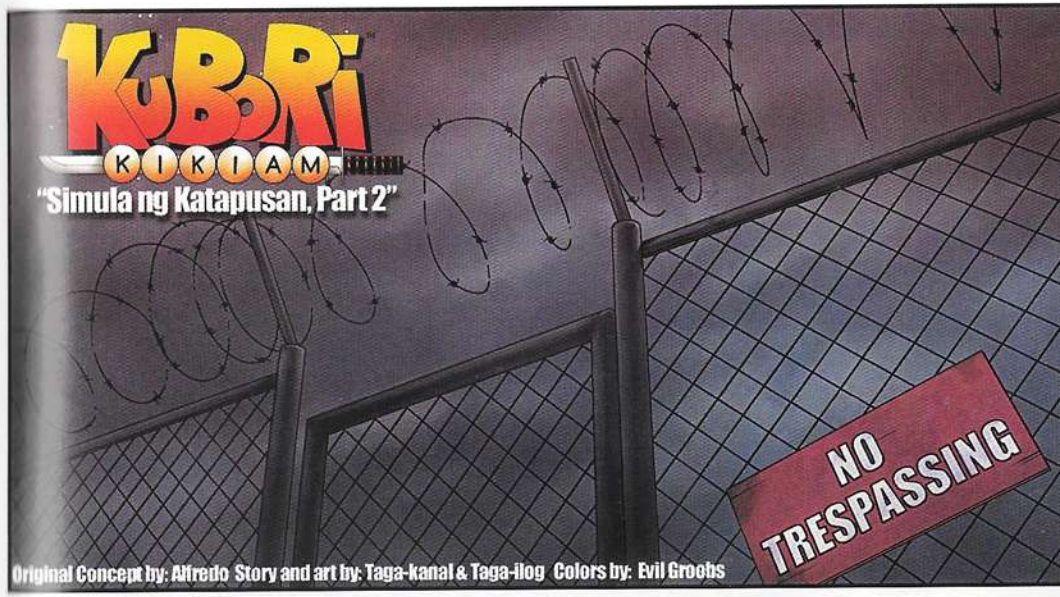
KUNG GAYON AY ALAM MO NA DIN ANG BIGAT NG RESPONSIBILIDAD NA AKING IBIBIGAY SA 'YO.
BILANG PINAKAMAHUSAY SA *ELITE SQUAD* NG KAHARIANG ITO INAATASAN KITANG MAMUNO NG HUKBO NA IPADADALA SA *SERPENT'S PASS*.

IKAW NA ANG BAHALANG PUMILI NG 'YONG PINAKATAPAT NA SUNDALO...

...GAYUN DIN, BINIBIGYAN KITA NG PERMISO NA MAGDALA NG ANUMANG SANDATA O KAGAMITAN SA ATING ARMERIYA NA IYONG KAKAILANGANIN.
NAWA'Y PAGPALAIN KA'T MAGTAGUMPAY. MALAKI ANG TIWALA KO SA 'YO!
HUMAYO KA NA SIR ALFRED VINCENT III!


NAGSISIMULA NANG MAG-INIT ANG KWENTO NATIN.
ANO KAYA ANG MANGYAYARI SA UNANG MISYON NI AIREE? ANO ANG KINALAMAN NG SERPENT'S PASS SA PINAGAGAWA NI SPOT? AT MUKHANG MAY TINATAGO NGANG IHIM SI BUTLER. UMPISA NA NG AKSIYON SA SUSUNOD NA ISYU!
...KUNG GUSTO NIYONG MAKUHA MUNI ANG MANGGAGAWAY...
MMMPPPFFF... MMPFF... MM.. MMMPPPFF...
SIYA 'YUN!!!
PANASONIC

ITUTULOY...


KUBORI
KIKIAM
"Simula ng Katapusan, Part 2"
NO TRESPASSING
Original Concept by: Alfredo Story and art by: Taga-kanal & Taga-ilog Colors by: Evil Grooms

SER?

'SAN NA SI SER?

DILIM AH. BUKAS PA YUNG TV.
CLICK
PUEDE KANG KUMATOK.
'SENSYA NA SER, AKALA KO WALANG TAO (* LAKING TAO HINDI KO NAPANSIN SA GIHD)
ANO'NG KAY-LANGAN MO, EDWARD?
PIPICK-UPIN KO LANG 'YUNG MGA DINALA KO KAHAPON. 'YUNG GALING OPIS.
DOON SA MAY HAG-DANAN.
BIRUIN NINYO NAKA-IMBAK LANG 'TONG MGA 'TO DOON SA OPISINA. SIYEMPRE UWI NA 'TO.. UY!

BUHAY PA PALA 'TONG MICROWAVE MO SER. KALA KO NASIRA NA 'TO.
OO NGA. IKAW PA NGA SUMIRA NIYAN, 'DI BA?
OY, 'DI KO KASALA-NAN 'YON. KUMIDLAT N'ON KAYA NAG-FLUCTUATE 'YUNG KURYENTE.
O, 'YUNG ILAW?
KI-dLICK
'TO NA LANG
MAY MGA GAGAWIN PA 'KO EDWARD KAYA KUNIN MO NA 'YUNG MGA GAMIT MO.
SIGE, SIGE. MUKHANG BUSY KA NGA EH. SHIT ANG DAMI PALA NITO.
. . nahirapan ang mga bumbero makarating sa sunog dahilan sa masikip na kalsada

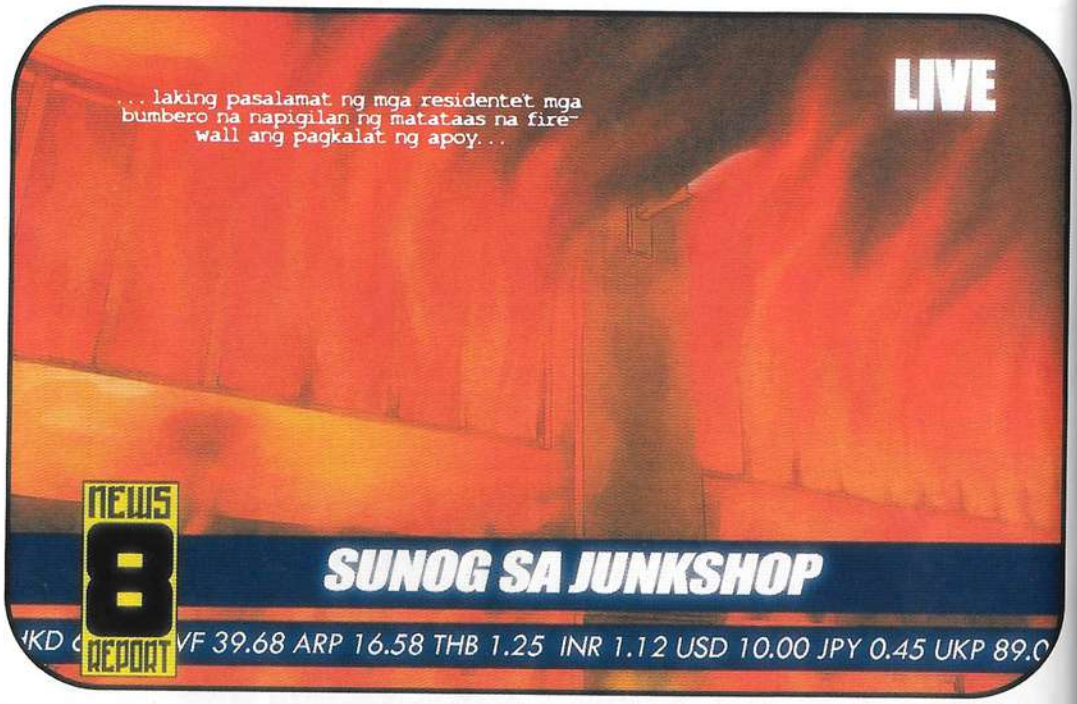
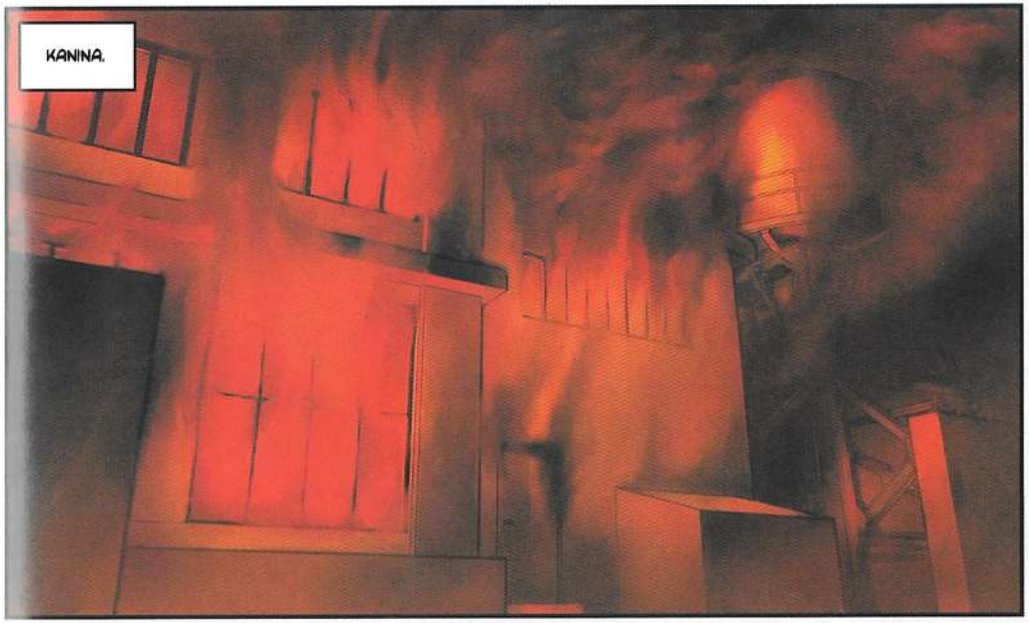


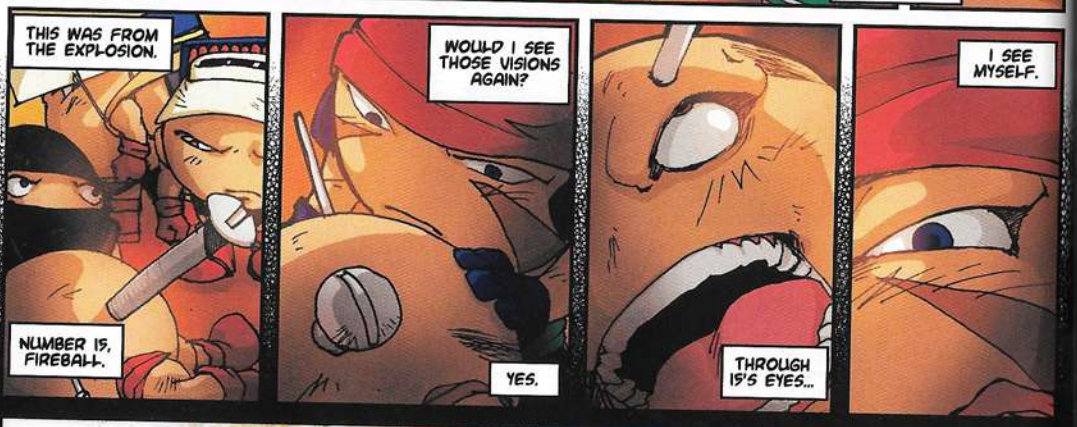
figure_. . kasalakuyang inaagapan parin ang sunog at wala pa namang reported na nasawi or nawawala. . .
. . sa ngayon hini-hinalang electri-cal shortage ang pinagsimulan ng apoy. . .


figure_KANINA.

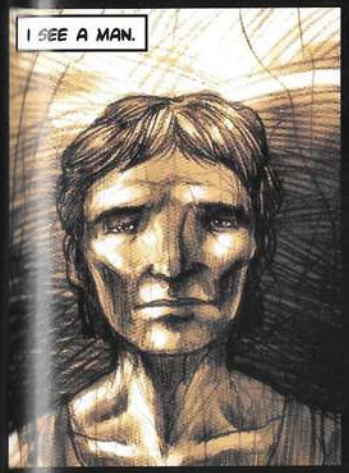
figure_INSERTION TOOK 9 MINUTES. SETUP TOOK 12. EXTRAC-TION TOOK 6.
UNSATISFACTORY.

figure_GENERAL ISAGANI HAD INITIAL DOUBTS ABOUT THE DAMAGE.
SINCE THE TARGET WAS A METAL SCRAP-YARD AND THE STRUCTURE MOSTLY CON-CRETE, FUEL FOR THE FIRE WAS LIMITED.
BUT THE ACETYLENE DID ITS JOB.

...FORTUNATELY, NO TANGOS WERE ENCOUNTERED.
...THUS, POSSIBILITY OF DETECTION WAS MINIMAL AND CASUALTIES WERE...
MAJOR RALF!
SERGEANT TOMAHUK, REGROUP THE TEAMS! OPERATION "ARGEL" HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
...PREVENTED.


THIS WAS FROM THE EXPLOSION.
WOULD I SEE THOSE VISIONS AGAIN?
I SEE MYSELF.
NUMBER 15, FIREBALL.
YES.
THROUGH 15'S EYES...

I SEE OUR BASE.
NO TRESPASSING


I SEE A MAN.

MACHINE

A LIZARD

FISH

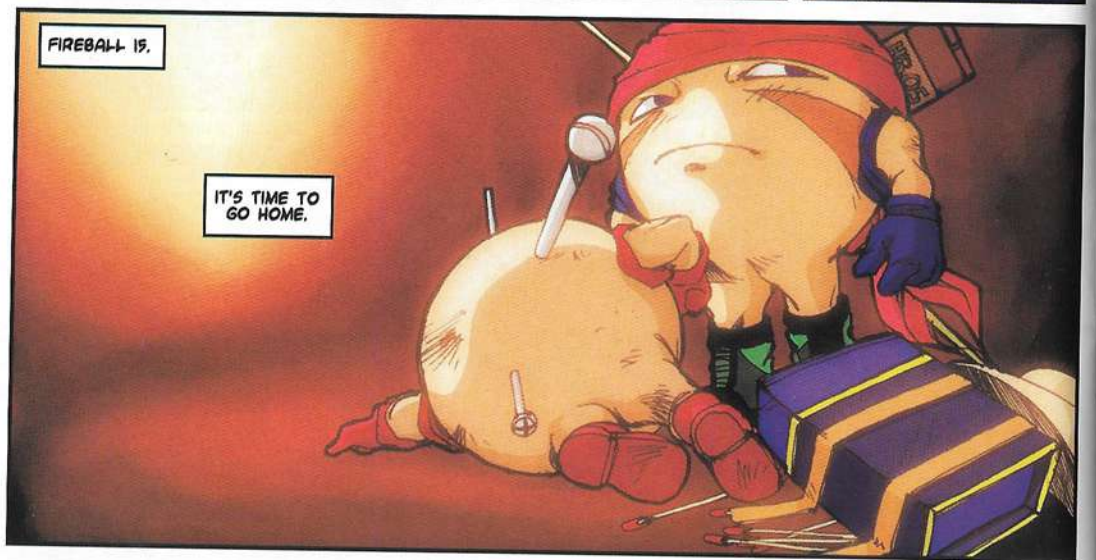
I SEE A BOY

A METAL BOX

TEETH

I HEAR A SOUND
KRA-THOOM!

I SEE OUR GENERAL



TAPOS (SA NGAYON)

One Day, Isang Arcade Sa Pasig.

STORY AND ART BY: DENNIS M.

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SAMANTALA...
PURO LUMA ANG MGA LARO DITO... NATAPOS KO NA ATA LAHAT.
QUANUM
NEW ARRIVAL
ABA, MAY BAGO... MASUBUKAN NGA.
CC-COM VS SMK 2
PARE MUKHANG MAY CHALLENGER... AT PARANG MAGALING!
WOW!! I-CHE CHECK KO YAN!!!
ANO?! DI MO BA SIYA KILALA? SIYA SI LANCE, ANG HARI NG ARCADE DITO SA PASIG AT DI PA SIYA NATATALO.
ASAR!! SINO NAMAN KAYANG UGOK ANG GUSTONG HUMAMON SA 'KIN?
TAGA-ILOG
1P
VS
IQ-40
2P
HE-HE, IQ-40?! SINAYANG MO LANG ANG TOKEN MO!
MALAKAS AT MARAMI NGANG SPECIAL ATTACK COMBINATIONS SI TAGA-ILOG, PERO KUNG BILIS AT SUMMONING ABILITY ANG PAG-UUSAPAN, SI IQ-40 ANG SIGURADONG MANANALO!
NEW ARRIVAL!!!
ANO SA TINGIN MO GLENDOH?

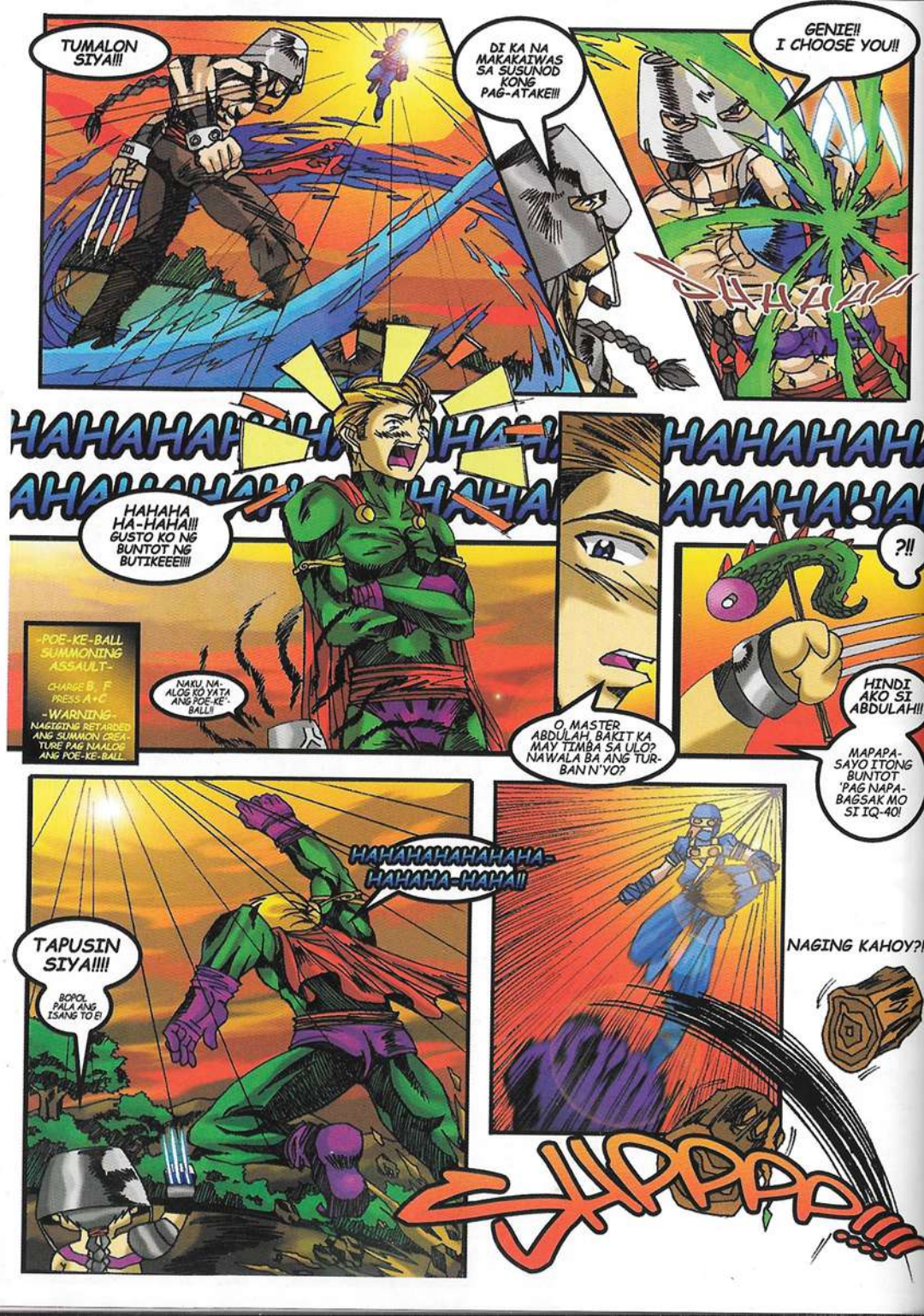
IBABA MO NA NGA YANG KAMAY MO GLENDOH. AKO ANG NANGANGAWIT SA GINAGAWA MO! HEHEHEHE!
ANG MAY MAS MALAWAK NA KARANASAN SA PAGLALARO AY MAY TINDING DETERMINASYON NA MANALO ANG S'YANG MAGWAGI SA LABAN!

GRRRRRR!! REYANAMI! NANG-AASAR KA BA?! TINGIN MO BA GINUSTO KO 'TO, IKAW NGA D'YAN PUPUNTA LANG SA ARCADE NAKA-PLUG SUIT PA!
MALAS LANG NG TATAY MO MAINGAY SI REYANAMI NGAYON. YAN ANG TINATAWAG NA "ATTACK OF THE CLONE"!!
HAY NAKU, BUTI NA LANG DI AKO NAGMANA KAY ITAY. NAPAKASAMANG PANGITAIN!!

UMPISAHAN NA ANG LABAN!!!!
HMPF! GUNGGONG!!

-FINAL ROUND-
FIGHT!

TAPOS KA NA!!!
"SUPER-SONIC DRILL CLAW ATTACK"
B, BD, D, DF, F PRESS A+B
HOOOOOH
+P!!
ANONG?!


TUMALON SIYA!!!!
DI KA NA MAKAKAIWAS SA SUSUNOD KONG PAG-ATAKE!!!
GENIE!! I CHOOSE YOU!!
SHAAA!!!
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHA HA-HAHA!!! GUSTO KO NG BUNTOT NG BUTIKEEE!!!!
-POE-KE-BALL SUMMONING ASSAULT-
CHARGE B, F PRESS A+C
-WARNING-
NAGIGING RETARDED ANG SUMMON CREATURE PAG NAALOG ANG POE-KE-BALL
NAKU NA-ALOG KO YATA ANG POE-KE-BALL!!
O, MASTER ABDULAH, BAKIT KA MAY TIMBA SA ULO? NAWALA BA ANG TURBAN N'YO?
?!!
HINDI AKO SI ABDULAH!!!
MAPAPA-SAYO ITONG BUNTOT 'PAG NAPA-BAGSAK MO SI IQ-40!
TAPUSIN SIYA!!!!
BOPOL PALA ANG ISANG TO @
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA-HAHAHA-HAHA!!
NAGING KAHOY?!!!
SHPPPP!!!!

NAWALA S'YANG BIGLA.....
PAANO NANG-YARI YON?
NASAN NA S'YA?
HEHEHEHEHEHEHE....
MOOGLE
ARAGUYYYY!!!!
KAPOOOW!!!!
-AOI-ENPITSUKEN- (BUCKET FLIP BLUE PENCIL STRIKE) B,D,F,B,U,F THEN PRESS A+B+C+D
ANONG NANGYARI? BA'T WALA AKONG MAKITA?.....
ASAR!!!!! BUMALIKTAD NANAMAN YATA ANG TIMBA KO!!!!.....
.....@#%$&#!!!!!!!!
A-ANONG?
ANG TIMBA.... UMIKOT?
ANG PARAANG YON.....
ANLUPIT!!!!
WALA NA BANG KIKIAM?
TAPUSIN!!!!
TAP!
TAP!
ARGGGGGHHHH-!!!!!! BA'T DI KO NA MAGALAW SI ILOG?! UMIKOT PA KASI ANG TIMBA, WALA TULOY AKONG MAGAWA!!!
MOOGLE
FSSHHHHH
-DUAL POE-'KE-BALL XTREME-
U,U,D,D,L,R,L,R,B,A,B,A THEN PRESS SELECT & START
GKREEEEEEE!!!!
AKO NA ANG BAHALA KAY GENIE, ISANG CLOW CARD LANG YAN!

GHULAY CARD ATTACK!!!
OOOF!!!
HAHAHAHA-..HUH?
EEK!! ANDAMING GULAY!!!
SKREEEE!!
TRANSLATION: ETONG SAYO ILOG!! SPINNING TARSIER SLASH!!!!!
-SPINNING TARSIER SLASH- D,DF,F THEN PRESS A+C
SKRIIIIITCH!!
SKRIIII

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December 21 & 22, SM Megatrade Hall 2

In a bid to finally fuse together the local comic book and animé community, Culture Crash Comics spearheaded the first ever Philipine comic book and animé convention dubbed: the C3 Con 2002. Co-presented by ***GlobeXTM***, and sponsored by ***EPSON*** and ***Enchanted Kingdom***.

The event was a reunion of sorts for the many organizations that had participated in previous animé events. In addition to *Culture Crash Comics*, present where the support of *AXN Asia*, *GMA 7* (in the form of their animé-themed midnight show *TXTUBE*), *Questor* (Telesuccess), and *The Animation Council of the Philippines* (ACPI).

From left to right: Culture Crash's own James L. Palabay, first place winner Krizelle Uychinco as Honey/Candy, 2nd placerJessica Ignacio as Pasig's Mina, tied for third place: Pablo Bairan as the Alien and Noel Catillo as the smoke-spewing Hanya of Rurouni Kenshin.

And of course, finally getting its day in the sun were the local producers of the comic books! Among the participants where: Culture Crash Comics (like duh! of course we were there!), the venerable *Pol Medina Jr.* (Pugad Baboy of the PDI), two-time National Book Awardee *Arnold Arre* (Trip to Tagaytay, After Eden, etc.), *Lyndon Gregorio* (Beerkada of Phil. Star), *Robert Magnuson* (Shirley's Pet of the Junior Inquirer) *Marco Dimaano* (Angel Ace), *Budjette Tan* (founding member of Alamat and creator of Batch '72) *Jason Banico* (Dynatica Comics), *Likhaan Comics, Ground Zero Comics, Nightshift Studios* and of course the dedicated people of *Questor* (Telesuccess).

C3Con Trivia: The Giant life-size tammy was specially commissioned and there is only one other existing as a prototype; although it remains incomplete and unfinished. The only completed version now sits quietly at the CC Com offices. There have also been at least three interested parties in purchasing or commissioning another Giant Tammy who are willing to pay more than 15 thousand pesos! Wow! So there really are potential real-life Mikaellas out there! Wonder what the biceps of their Yaya Grasya will be like?

DAY 1

Early in the day, small crowds had gathered at the entrances of Megamall Bldg. B. Puzzled guards were surprised to see that some of the people broke up into small groups and actually started to run as soon as they entered the mall. These groups excitedly raced up towards the entrance of the Megatrade Hall 2 to the chance of claiming their free Tammys.

It wasn't long before a massive line formed outside the trade hall. The line was so long, it actually circled the whole 5th floor and back the opposite side of the megatrade hall 2 and reached the carpark entrances. Tenants started complaining to the trade hall offices that the crowd had blockaded their businesses, and DEMANDED that the event start. A few parents started complaining on how hard it was for their small children to wait in such a long line. A small commotion was forming when suddenly, cosplay champion *JM Chua* and *Choi* went to their places by the entrances and performed a bit of choreographed fight actions that introduced special guest *Michael V.* who ripped across some manila paper by the entrance and finally opened the event officially; much to the delight of the crowd who responded with resounding cheer.

Things went by fast after that, as the crowd got their free Tammys (Culture Crash ended up giving away almost 200 pcs.) a teaser for the coming choreographed contest was held at the main stage and *Michael V.* lively conducted the opening program before the opening remarks were made by Culture Crash Editor-in-chief, *Jescie James Palabay.* Finally, the opening ceremony was capped by the surprise unveiling of the life-size Tammy Tamaraw, whom the crowd started to jokingly worship.

After that there were performances by bands *Neotaku* and *Seventhursday*. There were some Karaoke contests, in which booth participants donated much of the prizes. The art gallery was also opened to the public, and there were lectures on comics and animation. Each of the booths had their own gimmicks. *Anime-club* gave away memberships, held contests, *Beerkada's Lyndon Gregorio* gave away sketches and certificates, shirts and merchandise were for sale at the *Culture Crash* booth, actual RPG games were held at the *AEGIS* booth etc., etc.

Definitely the two highlights of the day were the choreographed fight scene contest and the cosplay contest. Some of the participants for the choreographed fight scene were painful to watch, some were obviously well-choreographed but overall, the ones that had creative twists in them won the day.

The day was finally capped with the catwalk of the finalists for the first day of the cosplay contest and the scheduled signing of the Culture Crash staff. (the line was sooo long they ran out of ink!)

Choreographed Fight Scene

1st Place: Crouching Wolf, Hidden Rooster (Saito and Sano rematch!) Cosplay champ JM Chua shines yet again as Saito! Definitely one of the funniest entries! Not only didthey have choreography, they had great build-up and a nice punch line too!
2nd Place: Sentai spoof done by the people of Yaoi Dudes! If you like those old Bioman series you definitely would have appreciated this hilarious entry! Complete with Tammy Costumed fighter!
3rd Place: World Wrestling Championship featuring Polidario vs. Himself! Guess who won? Funny and impressive, they even brought metal stands for their ring!

DAY 2

The second day started with an interesting panel discussion on the local comic book industry. Among the representatives were: *Robert Magnuson, Marco Dimaano, Ludwig Sacramento, Michael David, Budjette Tan, Ryan Orosco, Igor Cabab, James Palabay, Sherwin Nones and Taga-ilog.*

After which, ***Enchanted Kingdom*** presented an exciting A/V presentation of their new comic-based ride, ***7th Portal***. There were more trivia and karaoke contests as the booth owners got more and more caught up and started being more and more generous with prizes, to the point where one even put up for grabs a short sword replica as a prize. There was the animé skit organized by *Animé-club* and the Dance presentation of *weareanime.com* and then the second day cosplayers commenced with their catwalk.

Of course there was the live presentation of the ***GlobeXTM*** characters (ooohhh Iya!!!) which ended with the animé-inspired commercial and a few Q&A. The ***Enchanted Kingdom*** band provided most of the musical entertainment for the second day and they conducted their show quite admirably, concentrating mostly on mainstream songs. Most of the lectures for the day concentrated on the local animation industry, on job opportunities and the like. The *Illustrador ng Kabataan (INK)* also continued with their various art lectures on making shadow puppets, clay models, etc.

There was also the technically-plagued announcement of the *culturecrash.com* website which is still in the works as of writing (wherein computer operator *Tiga-Kanal* also blatantly plugged the flash games available at *www.kubor-ikikiam.com)*. The pre-production of more Culture Crash plush toys were also announced thereafter, Airee being the next in line.

Lastly, the finals for the cosplay contest became the biggest crowd pleaser for the event. After the catwalk of the first and second day finalists, an interview and Q&A portion conducted by the hosts *Cholo and Gang* really put the cosplayers wits into action.

In the end, third place was a dead tie between the meticulously crafted *Alien Hunter cosplayer (Pablo Bairan)* and the smoke-spewing *Hanya of Rurouni Kenshin (Noel Catillo)*, second place went to Culture Crash's own *Kikiam-kissing Mina (Jessica Ignacio)* and first place went to *Honey/Candy of Fighting Vipers (Krizelle Uychinco)*

It's interesting to note that many of the attendees did not expect to find so much cool merchandise available at the event, since most of the past animé-related events didn't really have a lot of merchandise available for sale. Enthusiastic shoppers and shop owners have been quite positive with this development and have already inquired for the next one. Hopefully this will open up the possibilities of having merchandise launches and the like.

Overall, the general comments of the people were that this was the best organized and best thought out animé-related event yet! It also marked off what may hopefully be the start of a more mainstream support for the animé and local comic book community. Since the event brought the numbers and enthusiastic support both industries needed.

INDIES!!!

The very first Independent Comic Book Contest ever! We were simply bowled over by the amount of talent out there! Despite the considerably short time available we received over 20 entries all of them great works of art. Special thanks to the final Judges: Arnold Arre, Budjette Tan and Robert Magnuson.

1st Place:

Del Mundo, Santillan and Seludo who make up the cool trio responsible for this great preview of ***Atomic Underground***.

2nd Place:

The awesome ***Armored Kommando Unit Kriegshund*** by Kriss Israel Sison, Federico Makabenta, Reg Ty and Horacio Makabenta.

3rd Place:

Jon Zamar's intriguing ***Minsan*** which explores Philippine fantasy folklore.

C3 Con Cosplay 2003

by nemo

They dressed, they came, they conquered the audience!

The cosplay event of the C3 Con was of particular interest since it demanded such audience attention. The costumes ranged from the simple and creative, to the elaborate and skillfully executed.

The costumes were just amazing, and the Culture Crash staff were just so happy to see people cosplaying as their characters (sniff! sniff!) And although it was CC who organized the event, we had a few favorites that didn't make it in the cut. Aside from all the other great CC characters (I wanted that Mina and Dante to get in!) we also had an unexpected favorite in the form of an American cartoon. Robert Wong dressed up as a Centurion complete with removable accessories! (Power... EXTREME!!!)

During the finals those who made their presence exceptionally known was the guy who dressed up as Sadako and the Alien Hunter, there was this part where they faced off. The Alien Hunter was menacingly biting towards Sadako and the queen of Japanese horror flicks started to raise his/her skirt to show his/her legs in retaliation pushing the Alien hunter into terrified retreat! It's also good to note that the Sadako character, instead of the traditional catwalk crept unto the stage from one of the projector screens.

Of course who could forget the guy dressed up as one of Sheriff Poppy's soldiers (Cat's Trail) who made his costume with the help of their maid and completed the effect with a shotgun that played a doorbell tune when cocked. And what of that girl Chrono Cross girl whose hair was done by David Salon's Gio Ledesma and took almost four hours to do? Blue-eyed, green-eyed (bought two sets of contacts!) Yuna of Final Fantasy X and also from the same game title the girl who played Lulu and "borrowed" her grandmother's belts.

Among the other memorable impromptu spats where between the sexily-dressed Pakunoda (HunterXHunter) and holy man Anji (Rurouni Kenshin) who refused to tussle with Pakunoda due to the fact that he wanted to maintain "pure" thoughts; and the catfight between Female-Mina and Male-Mina which ended with the Female-Mina kissing Kubori Kikiam's Dodon!

In the end though, there had to be winners and the top place went to Krizelle Uychinco (Honey/Candy of Fighting Vipers), second to Jessica Ignacio (dressed up as Mina, YAY!) and third place was a dead tie between Pablo Bairan (Alien Hunter) and Noel Catillo (Hanya of Rurouni Kenshin).

The Finalists:

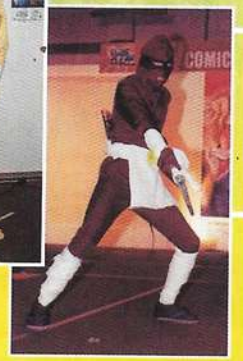
Johan delos Reyes (Anji of Rurouni Kenshin), Raisa de Guzman (Karin of Cat's Trail), Francesca Marie Aguiluz (Kagome of Inu Yasha), Catherine Delos Santos (Pakunoda of Hunter X Hunter), Davis Gonzales (Dark Serge of Chrono Cross), Evangeline Cortes (Sesshoumaru of Inu Yasha), Rem Vincent Supnet (Mibu Shiro of Soul Taker), Allen Sywenson (Mina of Pasig), Mary Anne Plaza (Lady Asuka of Magic Knight Rayearth), Carlo Silva (K Kusanagi of King of Fighters), Gino Descaller (Tammy Tamaraw of One Day, Isang Diwa), Paula Arce (Final Fantasy X), Dawn Marfil (Lulu of Final Fantasy X), Jose Melchor Elegado (Sundalo ni Sheriff Poppy of Cat's Trail), Erickson Suarez (Dodon of Kubori Kikiam), Ken Argallon (Noriko of Batt Royal), Paul John Caparoso (Kawada of Battle Royal), Hans Christian Caparoso (Nanahara of Battle Royal), Bobbilee Bacod (Tomoe of Rurouni Kenshin), Larry Villanueva (Sadako of the Ring), Katherine Eustaquio (Kikyo of Inu Yasha), Chanty Wong (Steena of Chrono Cross), Nina Chua (Astaroth of Angel Sanctuary) Jojie Dominguez (Astarte of Angel Sanctuary), Pablo Bairan (Alien Hunter of Alien vs. Predator), Noel Catillo (Hanya o Rurouni Kenshin), Jessica Ignacio (Mina of Pasig) and Krizelle Uychinco (Honey/Candy of Fighting Vipers).

C3CON GALLERY

Three of our favorite cosplayers that didn't get into the finals. Jake Rockwell, Dante and Mina (complete with cloak!)

Pugad Baboy's Pol Medina, Jr. onstage with the C3 Con hosts Cholo and Gang.

The life-sized Tammy together with Culture Crash Publisher James Palabay and his mother Mrs. Carmelita Palabay. Sadly, you can't have this Tammy for free even if you came earlier than Megamall's opening.



Kubori Kikiam's very own Dodon in his battle pose and Kamagong-weilding Benjo. Mabuhay ang mga Kikiam!!!

The Endless. Shown here from left to right: Death, Sandman (Yoshitaka Amano version), Delirium, and Destruction.

The judges for the final cosplay competition: (from left to right) Lyndon Gregorio, Marco Dimaano, Arnold Arre, James Palabay, Elmer Damaso, and Pol Medina, Jr.

Cosplayers don't only get to show off their great costumes, they're allowed to sing too! We could've sworn Tomoe was Utada Hikaru in costume.

Benjo of One Day Isang Diwa shows off his SPC armband and lingerie collection. Kanino mo hiniram 'yan?...

C3CON PIC OF THE MONTH!

We hear ya!!! Congratulations to the ever vigilant security guard and our C3Con patron. We didn't even need to put text balloons in this picture. Because you won in our "Pic of the Month" you get our popular(?) logo next to your pic... again. We salute you!

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THIS ISSUE'S FAN FEATURE

Dennis Menese's One Day, Isang Arcade sa Pasig had us rolling with joyous laughter.

Congratulations Dennis! Tagalog has a few qualms though, he asks: *"Ba't kawawa na naman ako?!?"*

The fan feature will be continued indefinitely due to the volume of submissions we've been getting. Remember, you get paid and you retain ownership of your characters!

Also, if you would like to form some sort of Komiks group let us know how we can help out!

Are you just itching to get published yourself?

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2. Creator/Artist will get copyright credits for his/her characters.
3. Culture Crash will retain copyright ownership of the work published.

PLEASE be advised that once we have received your work, we will maintain a "We'll call you, don't call us policy. We believe that this is the best way for us to remain unbiased and fair in our decision. Thanks! Good luck!

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CHARACTER DRAWING CONTEST

15 AND BELOW CATEGORY

With over 200 entries for the character drawing contest, it took a colossal effort from the Culture Crash staff and outstanding volunteer Judges like Budjette Tan, Jerard Beltran, Marco Dimaano, Arnold Arre and Ryan Orosco to pick out the top winners. A lot of the entries were so good that some overzealous admirers took the artworks home! But heck, who can blame them with works this good!

Here is but a sample of the incredible works of art we got!

Congratulations to First placer *Carla Anne Matawaran*! We apologize for the fuzzy video capture. We think someone liked your worked so much they took it home!

CLAIM YOUR PRIZES!!!

There are still unclaimed prizes from the Character Drawing Contest. Please feel free to contact us at 942-4512 on weekdays during office hours. Please bring a valid id for identificatio- and if possible samples of your work. Congratulations!

WINNERS!!!
1st Place: Carla Anne Matawaran
2nd Place: Maria Shinehah Aubrey B. Dagal (15 yrs. old)
3rd Place: Moela Abish B. Dagal (13 yrs. old)

*trivia note: It's no coincidence that the second and third placer have the same last name, they're actually sisters!

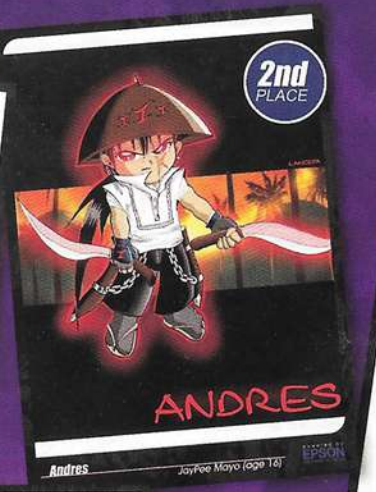
On-the-spot Drawing Contest
1st Place: Known only as Yoshuke
2nd Place: Arabella Beltran
3rd Place: Roland Amago

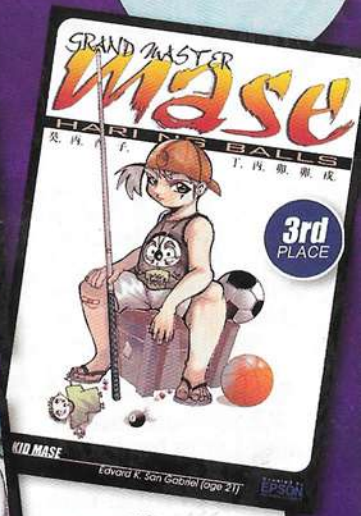
*Special note: We apologize for mixing up the announcement of the first and third place winner. Our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience

CHARACTER DRAWING CONTEST

16 AND ABOVE CATEGOR

WINNERS!!!
1st Place:
Delbert Ty (17 yrs. old)
2nd Place: Edvard K. San Gabriel (21 yrs. old)
3rd Place: JayPee Mayo (16 yrs. old)





Top: Darna artist extraordinaire, Ryan *"cross-eyed"* Orosco! (*Oist! baka mahipan ka ng hangin diyan.*)
Right: Cover for the Golden Anniversary Darna issue.

MARS RAVELO'S DARNA RETURNS!!!

The ***Darna Golden Anniversary Comic Book*** was launched last Feb. 28, 2003 at the Eastwood City Walk in Libis, Quezon City, with all the fanfare that would satisfy the typical *"Gimik"* crowd.

Guests walked around wearing Darna tiaras on their heads as performances by five independent bands played through the evening. There was also the appearance of a beauty queen in full Darna regalia posing with fans and some fireworks during the unveiling of the cover art by artist extraordinaire **Ryan Orosco**.

The launch was also attended by a who's who of guests from the Philippine comic book industry.

The person, or rather the family behind this great undertaking, are the **Yonzons**; led by **Boboy Yonzon**. Darna is the first undertaking of Mango Comics which aims to bring Filipino heroes to the American market. (*Thus Darna in English!*)

Initial comment: *There are undeniable letdowns, not surprising since the expectations are quite high; but overall the push is very well-thought out and we tip our hats off to the Yonzons for their commitment and of course Ryan Orosco's work was just magnificent!*

Mars Ravelo's Darna
32 Pages, full-color
Php 120

GREAT TEACHER ONIZUKA

by James L. Palabay

GTO:

Great Teacher Onizuka is yet another great animé from Japan. Based on the manga by Tohru Fujisawa, the story centers around 22 year-old former bike gangster (a legendary one at that) Eikichi Onizuka who has just spent 7 years in college and decides to be a high school teacher. His drive, at least in the beginning, is to have the opportunity to hit on young girls and the hopes of achieving his greatest dream: To marry a 16 year-old by the time he is 40.

Onizuka however, is put to the test when he is assigned to the worst and toughest class in the school. This is where Onizuka glows, as he approaches each problem in his own unique, rambunctious manner. He teaches with a golden heart and without prejudice and despite his indifferent attitude to being a teacher; he slowly earns the respect of his peers and students alike. GTO, in many ways reminds me of another great animé-comedy, ***Golden Boy***. Both have similar unlikely protagonists who we can't judge by initial impressions and both exude high-energy enthusiasm over their work.

GTO the animé series is already gaining fans here in the Philippines; however, there is another medium for GTO that was even more popular in Japan. The live-action version which achieved a peak rating of 35.7 was an enormous hit in its native country. It has even been touted by over-zealous fans and marketers as the highest rated Japanese drama in history. Although this is an urban myth, no one can deny the incredible popularity it achieved. It even spread throughout East Asia, in Taiwan, Hong Kong, etc. Eventually, the series was succeeded by a TV movie and a theatrical release.

The title role of Onizuka for the live-action series was played by Japanese heartthrob ***Takashi Sorimachi***, who achieved super stardom status with his earlier work on "*Beach Boys*". The part of the leading lady role of Azusa Fuyutski in the live-action series was played by ***Nanako Matsushima***, probably the number one TV star in Japan. Most Filipinos would most likely recognize her as the woman who played the part of reporter Reiko Asakawa in the now infamous original Japanese version of the horror-suspense flick "*Ring*".

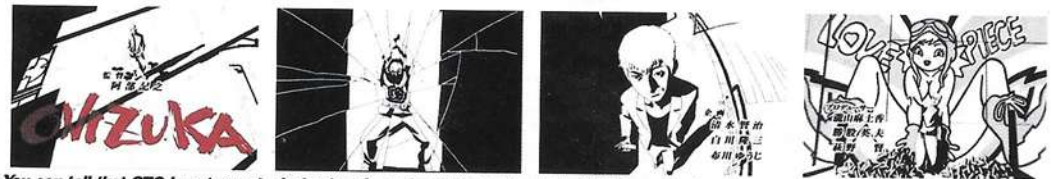
To trivia nuts, you may want to know that the big photo of the guy hanging in Azusa's apartment is that of her real-life husband ***Yutaka Takenouchi***, an actor who also shot to fame in "*Beach Boys*" alongside Takashi Sorimachi. Early in the series, Onizuka asks Azusa to watch "*Beach Boys*", another inside joke to native Japanese viewers.

The series also features ***Yosuke Kubozuka***, who plays the scheming genius Yoshito. Kubozuka went on to play a more extreme role in the prison-drama "*Lipstick*" and eventually became one of Japan's top movie stars with his appearance in the award-winning movie "Go".

Anyway, the live-action series is more or less a toned-down version of the manga and animé version which was done tastefully well. It actually made the Onizuka character easier to like and believable. In the live-action version, Onizuka sincerely wants to be a great Teacher unlike his animé-manga counterpart. The character Azusa, instead of being a sweet, dedicated teacher, is portrayed as a reluctant teacher who wishes to be a flight stewardess. Also since 40 plus episodes ang volume compilations had to be compressed into twelve one hour episodes, the pacing of the story goes pretty quickly.

Naturally, loads of characters and details were skipped by the live-action version, most notable for me personally would be the blue-eyed, brown-eyed super genius hottie, Urumi Kanzaki. The animé version is relatively faithful to the manga version up until the later part of the story, especially around the Kanzaki and Miyabi story arc. The manga goes much further than the animé version and actually has a very different story for the Miyabi character.

TOKYOPOP is the official U.S. licensee of GTO and so far they have been translating the manga and animé versions quite well. It leaves to be seen whether or not they will be doing the same to the live-action version. Fansubs, however are widely available for the live action version and you may want to try and get yourselves a preview of it. Great Teacher Onizuka is a worthwhile title, be it manga, animé or the live-action versions. It consistently entertains and inspires. If you're still unfamiliar with it, we recommend you check it out!



You can tell that GTO is not your typical animé from the artsy opening. The first few episodes features opening music from L'arc 'n Ciel.

Onizuka, the unlikely protagonist of GTO. He used to be a bike gangster but he has reformed himself to becoming a "great" high-school teacher. He is moved to tears when a students offers him her underpants!

GTO ROLL CALL:

Onizuka, Eikichi

Is a former legendary motorcycle gangster who is now trying to become a "Great" Teacher. He is well adept in martial arts and in the manga/animé version was the captain of his Karate club. He likes animé, videogames, all sorts of porn, cosplay outfits, peeping under girls skirts and in the manga version, likes the character Rei Ayanami of Evangelion fame. His character varies a bit in the live-action version, but basically he is a reformed slacker who has an unnatural knack for dealing with problem students.

Fuyutski, Azusa

The pretty female teacher who works at the same school as Onizuka. She is the central love interest of Onizuka on all versions of the title. Although she is first reluctant of Onizuka's teaching methods, she becomes one of his most loyal supporters. In both the animé and manga versions she is mostly shy and reserved, but in the live-action series she is more spirited and is reluctant about her profession.

Danma, Ryuji (Manga/Animé)

He is Onizuka's best friend. He also used to be motorcycle gangster but now prefers to live quietly as mechanic. He is comparatively more mature-minded that Onizuka though, but in the live-action version he is fused with another police character is turned into an irritating friend with perverted tendencies. He is still a good friend to Onizuka in this version though.

Mizuki, Nanako

Plays a small part in the animé and manga version, but stays throughout the live-action version. She is a pretty, rich girl who entraps Onizuka by getting half-naked with him in his apartment and getting it on film with the help of two male students.

Kanzaki, Urumi

A formidable problem student whose I.Q. is so high that she is recognized by the Education Ministry of Japan and is ordered to be given "special care". She re-enters in the middle of the first term and is a close friend of Tomoko. She never leaves a trace of evidence in any of her pranks or acts of terror. Her friendship with Aizawa turns to bitter rivalry in the animé and manga versions. She is blonde and has one blue eye and one brown.

Kikuchi, Yoshito

Is the class president of the of the infamous Year 3 Class 4. He is the resident tech genius and can do wonders with a computer. A child prodigy, he is basically a good kid but is driven to being too arrogant about his intelligence in the live-action series.

Murai, Kunio

A paranoid student who loves his mother (a 27 year-old hottie) a little too much. He is shy around girls he likes and is irritated by Onizuka who tries to hit on her mother.

Aizawa, Miyabi

Class monitor and one of the more important antagonists of the the story. Something happened in her past that has made her hate all teachers. She is frustrated by her difficulty in getting rid of Onizuka as a teacher.

Yoshikawa, Noburo

A quiet and reserved student who is always being bullied by his female classmates. He considers Onizuka a true friend, after Onizuka saves him from committing suicide.

Nomura, Tomoko

One of Miyabi's closest friend. She's a bit slow but very pretty, in the manga/animé version she is also well-built. She has an inferiority complex which Onizuka tries to help her get over by entering her in a talent/beauty contest search for a pop idol.

Sakurai, Ryoko (Akira in drama series)

She is the school Director (Headmaster in the drama series) who personally hires Onizuka after witnessing him handle some disgruntled students. She advocates unconventional solutions and sometimes moonlights working at the snack bar and cafeteria. She helps Onizuka out several times and is an interesting character.

Uchiyamada, Hiroshi

Vice-principal in the private school where Onizuka works. He despises Onizuka for trivializing the teaching profession. He is a hard-working teacher but he also embodies much of the attitude problem that besets problem students. He is also in a crisis in trying to grasp his sense of value within his immediate family.

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FINAL FANTASY X-2

ファイナルファンタジーX-2

by Jescie James L. Palabay

Final Fantasy X2 was launched in Japan on March 13, 2003. Luckily I was there at the time and got to see just how the Japanese treated a game launch!

I'd heard that even before the pre-order system came to be in Japan, gamers still insisted on lining up 'till midnight of a big game launch to get their copies early. Apparently, this no longer happens. Either FFX2 is not as big a game as I thought it'd be or the Japanese have simply begun to refuse to line up unless it were for something extra-special. One factor that may play a role is that convenience stores in Japan now sell video games, something that Square itself started. Another explanation is because Square shipped an ample supply of 1.8 Million copies of the game.

I was told that the official launch, which took place at the trendy Shibuya District, was able to gather a considerable crowd that lined up for the game, but for the most part, there were no lines.

I still enjoyed witnessing all the fuss the Japanese shops made of selling the game though. I walked around Japan's "electric city" of Akihabara and was wowed at how much initiative the retailers showed in selling the game. Most of them made temporary outdoor stalls and decorated them with all sorts of FFX2 paraphernalia. At one shop they set up a whole line of flat-screen TVs running the FFX2 CG and a great number of posters, standees, merchandise, etc. Most of the cool merchandise, including Yuna's guns sold out even before noon! Even though there were no lines, sales were still brisk and the ambience; intoxicating. It was like a big pop star was coming to Japan or something. By the time I was on my way back to the hotel, I was humming the new FFX2 tune with a copy of the game (with free Yuna Keychain), music cd, a toonberry plush toy and a special FFX2 memory card in the bag.

Left: The FFX-2 game, special memory card (with hard case), The Koda Kumi FFX-2 Official CD (with CG-rendered Koda and Yuna), and the free Yuna strap.
Middle: The FFX-2 special memory card has the imprint on the chip board!
Right: Close-up shot of the Yuna strap. Too small for a keychain, we guess it's a strap for those funky Japanese mobile phones.

THE GAME:

The opening cinema usually sets the tone of a game, and from the J-pop* inspired opening, I'd say this could probably be the wackiest, zaniest FF to have come from the stables of Square. Think FF meets Charlie's Angels meets Totally Spies (of Cartoon Network).

Although the opening concert cinema, featuring the voice of J-pop idol Koda Kumi, may make the typical male hard-core FF gamer feel a bit queasy, it's actually quite entertaining to watch. The CG quality seems a bit of a step down from FFX though.

After we get introduced to the J-pop group YuRiPa – oh excuse me, I meant, after we get introduced to the three main characters we get a bit of a crash course of the new fight system. The Job-class system is reminiscent of FFV but definitely more refined. You are able to change a character from being a gunner, to a thief, to a warrior etc. All in glorious dress-up transformation sequences.

I'm not yet sure if the Guardian Forces like Bahamut, Shiva, etc. will be making a return, since I haven't seen much in the way of merchandise or poster appearances, but I do expect the magic battles to get more glorious even in their absence.

Also, as earlier promised by Square, the new FF game is non-linear. After the initial obligatory missions, you get to choose your next mission from a plethora of old and new locales.

Story-wise, FFX-2 is Square's first true Final Fantasy sequel. It picks up where FFX and the special DVD release left off.

SPOILER WARNING

It seems that Yuna, Rikku and new character Paine belong to a tribe of "Sphere Hunters" called the Kamome(?). Their major base of operations is their swanky hog-inspired ship, the Celsuis.

Yuna's major reason for becoming a sphere hunter is of course to find Tidus.

Tidus, who apparently ceased to exist in regular reality after the FFX game, has mysteriously turned up within the video records of a sphere. In the video, he seems to be well and living but is being held captive by some mysterious group.

One of the early missions gives us a glimpse on how some of the old characters from the previous game are doing. Wakka, that lucky dog, has now settled down with Lulu and is expecting their first child!

SPOILER END

From a technical standpoint, there have been noticeable improvements on the in-game graphics, especially with the way the faces contort and express emotion. Also if you have a Pro-Digital surround system, it'd be a good idea to hook your PS2 up since FFX-2 is completely compatible.

I salute Square for their boldness in giving this game such a refreshing approach in terms of the entertainment pop-themed story. And although things may seem wacky and idyllic, I won't be surprised if we end up in universe-shattering situations by the time we reach the end of this game.

FFX-2 didn't grab me as much as I had thought it would, (probably because it's still all in Japanese) and it's way too early to really judge it completely. But from what I've surmised, this game is like, totally spectacular! I just hope the English version comes out soon!

*Japanese Pop

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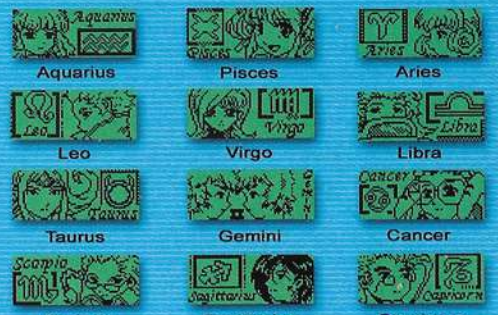

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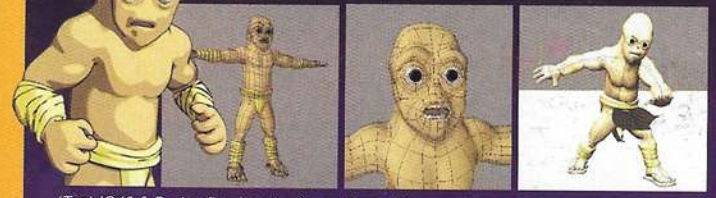
CCCOM PICKS OF THE MONTH

Fanworks are getting more and more creative! One of our readers wanted figurines, but since none were available, he made some himself! Here are the two cool figurines of I.Q. 40 and Dodon done by ***Mr. Aaron James Mongcopa.***

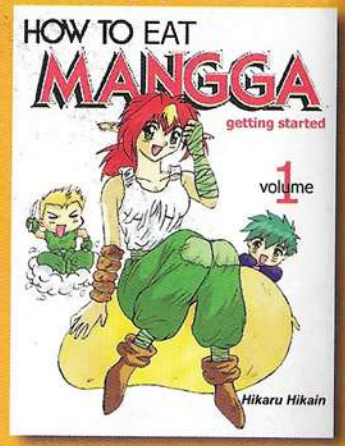


(Top) IQ40 & Dodon figurines by Aaron James Mongcopa.
(Above) Cel-shaded, animated, 3d Benjo by DK Crame.

Arguably one of the coolest fanart we've ever received. A 3D rendered Benjo cell-shaded and complete with a few seconds worth of high quality rendering! We're talking DVD quality resolution here folks! Hats off to ***DK Crame*** for a truly outstanding job!
If you want to get the full effect we suggest you browse the archives of ***www.kuborikikiam.com*** and download the clip. Better yet click on to ***http://prime.e-cognito.com*** for DK Crame's personal site for more inside info on this ultra-cool fanwork.

Who'd have thought that a couple of spider-eating, foul-mouthed Kikiams raised in the slums would gain such high-end following?

Katrina Palmares
Taytay, Rizal



Hiead Gner, *Via Internet*

Jhomar Soriano, *Via Internet*

Rye, *Via Internet*

JOn, *Via Internet*

We've always believed in the talent in the Filipino artist. You prove us right each time you send us artwork. Say it proudly...

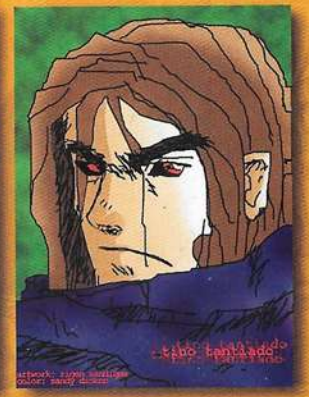
YES! DA FILIPINO KEN!!!

Eli Cainta, Rizal

Neil Roldan

Julliene Deo Jabonillo

Michael Rivero



Rigen & Sandy

Jed dela Peña

Brian Cruz

Felipe Caballero Jr.

Hernan Cruz

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LETTERS to the staff

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Saya saya talaga ng C3con! ^_^ I enjoyed it very much kahit dumating ako ng Sunday lang. I got myself a Tammy and i was able to hug the big Tammy and the "bodyguard" didn't even shoo me away! He was offering pa nga to carry it for me ehehe. Tapos sabi pa niya sa akin, "Iha bawal siya hawakan pero pwede yakapin". Sabi nga lang ng ibang friends ko masungit daw minsan yung nakabantay.

All in all, wala akong masabi! two thumbs up! I wasn't able to watch the fight scenes though... I'm just wondering if its possible for me to get some video clippings? Especially the one who won 3rd place, since I know the guy who wrestled himself! I hope that you'll do something like this again!

Ja!
PaM
Via Internet

The C3 Con in VCD??? Hmm... What do you guys think? You willing to buy the original VCDs if we release them?

Hello guys!

Kakatapos ko lang basahin ang compilation number 1 nyo. Galing! Okay sa 'kin ang paggawa n'yo ng ganon. Sana marami pang sumunod. Ilang compilations ba ang balak n'yong ilabas? sana talaga ipagpatuloy nyo kasi kawawa naman ang mga NEW readers nyo....TULAD KO.

I used to be a comic collector (X-men, Wild CATs, Spawn, etc) pero natigil kasi nagkaroon ako ng iba pang mga hilig at tsaka parang masyadong bogus na ang mga stories. I'm really looking forward for the next novels and CCcom issues. Don't stop making them. You guys are redefining Filipino comics and you're doing a hell of a good job.

Woohoo!!
Iramo

Hi to the Staff ng CC Com,

Asar! Asar! Bakit ba kasi nung Dec. 21 (C3 Con) ko lang nalaman na may comics kayo! Pilit nga lang akong isinama ng kaklase ko sa Megatrade Hall 2 kahit inaantok pa ako! (Hikab!) Grabe! Ang haaaaaba ng pila! Buti na lang at naisama n'ya ko, nakita ko ang napakadaming comics, posters, artworks, CD's etc. Nung makita ko 'yung "Culture Crash"....
Nagkainteres ako dahil Pinoy ang gumawa at grabe ang pagkakagawa, astigin! D' Best talaga!

Bumalik kami ng second day par asana kumpletuhin ang komiks n'yo; sa kasamaang palad... Issue #3, 4 and 8 lang nabili ko dahil ang bilis naubos nung iba! (Sniff... Sniff...) Pwede pa ba makabili ng back issues???

Taga-Ilog, hanep ang Pasig! Pinoy na pinoy, walang katulad! Da bhoss, ang ganda ng kwento ng ODID. IQ40, ang ganda ng drawing, story pati kulay mo. J.I.O. ang hi-tech ng Solstice Butterfly. Siyanga pala, ang galing din ng Kubori! Excellent Job!

MORE POWER sa inyong lahat! Teka, bakit 'di na lang ganito? Hindi mawawala ang Solstice at 'di rin mawawala Kubori, d dagdagan na lang ang page para walang mawalang story kahit Php100 pa ang price!

One of your biggest fans,
Von Lerry Cruz
Maybunga, Pasig City

Salamat naman sa iyong pagtangkilik! Ayan natupad! Php100!!! Kaso nga lang, wala pa rin Solstice pero special issue kasi 'to na napakakapal at glossy pages ulit kami!!! Kung nagging Maganda naman ang takbo ng mga graphic novel compilations eh baka ganun na lang gawin namin para makumplete issues mo.

Dear CC Com,

It's been quite a while since I've "planned" to write to you guys, I have 12 fan mails in my PC for you, but I thought that the good 'ol handwritten snail mail would have a different "impact".

First of all, I would like to take my hat off for the 9th issue! Yay! Keep it going people!

Kubori Kikiam is definitely cute and very original! The art is impeccable -very PINOY (Benjo + Manny + Dodon = FUNNY!) ODID. That little "dating guide" by Benjo was really cute and I can't wait for the next installment! I like Leo a lot! PASIG: I prefer the older drawing style, esp. in ish 4. The "sketchy" technique was appropriate for Mina's/ Iyannah's flashbacks but maybe not for the near ending. Pasig is actually my fav'. I LOVE the tension between Mina and Dante. Cat's Trail: Memer's art is really great. I actually try to follow his drawing guidelines as described in your HWD section. I can see a wide and vast story up ahead with a breath-taking conclusion; but don't stop yet! I'll follow the trail wherever it may lead. Damahayhay = AMUSING.

I miss Solstice Butterfly very much. I heard that Mr. Beltran got some very rude remarks about his work. I'm not sure of the story's credibility, but in my opinion, Mr. Beltran (or any artist at that matter) doesn't deserve such disrespect. Just when SB was unraveling nicely, it stops.

Overall, Culture Crash Comics is turning out quite well! BTW, Raven's Moon was just fantastic! The watercolor work was especially SOMETHING! I appreciate that CC supports our talented youngsters! How 'bout fan fiction guys? Compared to OTHER comics, OUR OWN CREATIONS (PINOY!!) IS MUCH MORE WORTH IT!!! (Hindi halata kasi mas madali magsulat ng English para sa 'kin, kasi lumaki ako sa ibang bansa... Paumanhin po!)

Thank you so much for keeping the Filipino spirit alive (err.... what's the other publication you're working on with the word "Zero" in it? I can't seem to find it anywhere!) My family and I will always "support" you guys! God Bless!

Love and Peace,

Pacita "Cielo" L. Maaliw
PUP, Commonwealth

It's quite alright Cielo, some of us here at CC find it a lot easier to write in English too! Although that doesn't mean we're not nationalistic! Fan fiction? We're not yet so sure about that for a number of reasons, but hey we're not closing the door so keep your fingers crossed!

Hi I am Isamu (true name) from Kanagawa Prefecture Japan. Actually I just moved here last June, I originally am from the Shibuya District.

I just want to congratulate all of you for a job well done! I love your mag, especially Pasig and ODID. Culture Crash Comics, I must agree is truly "The Philippine's premiere Comic Magazine" you absolutely deserve the title. I first learned about your publication way back from my stay there in the Philippines and it was my best friend Ayori who introduced it to me, and still buys it patiently for me. Thanks Ayori!

At first, I must admit that I was one of your skeptics. As an animé addict I never thought any local people could so such. But when I saw your work I instantly (and literally) fell in love with it! It even made it first on my priority luggage! I'm half-Japanese and half-Filipino, but you know, your mag became an inspiration to say I am a Filipino. Not half, but a true Filipino by heart. I brag your mag to my Japanese classmates; though they don't understand it I patiently describe and translate it to them (takes me over half a day but all worth it!)

Keep up the good work! And keep the good stuff coming! Ganbarimasu! Sayonara!

Your Fan,
ISAMU

Wow! Culture Crash in priority luggage! Hey watch out for our next issue as we have a Japan special of sorts! Culture Crash goes to Japan folks!!! Watch for it!

Dear Culture Crash Staff,

Hao! Musta na kayo? Hope okay lang kayo d'yan! Ako nga pala si Joisu, 17 yrs. old, Sacramento CA. Mga ilang months pa lang ako dito. Tanong ko lang sana kung nagbebenta kayo dito o kaya eh bentahan n'yo ko please? Tanong lang po sana reply kayo about this. Just e-mail me please!

Thanks nga pala for making this comic, kasi nakaka-inspire. Kasi gusto kong maging writer. Keep up the great job! God Bless!

Bye, bye!
Joisu
Sacramento, CA

Hey why not do it the way Isamu does? We'll see what we can do though, but we're also looking into distribution through the Fil-am networks so your situation is hopeful!

Geez! Too bad we were cramped for space! We got so many good letters! By the way, we accept fan feature submissions in English and the price of this special issue, as far we can say, will not be the regular price of Culture Crash. We'll be back to our regular price next issue!

NEXT ISSUE: CC COM IN JAPAN!!!

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